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\$446,425 grant approved for hatchery project

► Fish Hatchery steering committee now must decide how project is to proceed

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Board has approved a \$446,425 grant for the Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project -- that was the official word Pat Merrill received July 19 from Lansing.

Merrill, the project's steering committee chairman, said, "Receiving the grant is the result of a lot of hard work by dedicated people. Now we can get started working on Phase I of the project." The chairman then added, "Everyone is just tickled about the news of the grant."

The Restoration Project Steering Committee has worked for months to prepare grant applications for submission to several agencies and possible funding sources. This largest of grants applied for was originally submitted to two separate state funding sources -- the Clean Michigan Initiative Fund and the MDNR Trust Fund. Local matching funds and work-in-kind donations total \$118,629 of the grant.

Paul Johnson, Regional Park, Recreation and Tourism Coordinator for Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), was instrumental in writing the successful grant application. He also serves as a member of the steering committee.

"This is a wonderful project and a natural for a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) application," Johnson said. "I was expecting to hear of the CMI grant, but am happy

the Trust Fund Board has given their approval. This is great for the Grayling area and I look forward to working on the next step, which is restoration of the building itself."

Merrill said the next step for the steering committee is to meet in August to discuss funding of the next phase. "We need to talk about what we're going to do and how we're going to get there."

Work on Phase I includes major grounds improvement of the hatchery grounds, along with the creation of a children's fishing pond complete fishing platforms, storm water retention pond, paving of the parking lot, construction of wheelchair accessible restrooms, raceway safety improvements, tree planting, new fencing, construction of an overlook deck, signage, demolition of two block buildings. Merrill said a lot of work will be done to return the portion of the AuSable River which runs through the property, to a more natural state. Some of the old earthen raceways will also be filled in during the process and ADA compliant walking trails will be built throughout the property.

Work can not begin on Phase I until funding legislation begins, said Janae Reneaud, Grant Coordinator for the MDNR's Grant Administration Division. "We don't like to make promises of an exact date of when the funds will become available because it all depends on the legislative schedule. But, a good estimate would be six to nine months."

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Race to start Saturday, July 29, at 9 p.m.

AuSable Marathon: It's almost here

► Canoe racers to compete for a share of over \$50,000 in cash and prizes

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe marathon is not for the timid. The Marathon's famous frenzied Lemans-style running start kicks off a race of fourteen to nineteen hours and 120 miles non-stop through the night from Grayling, in north central Michigan, to Oscoda, on the shores of Lake Huron.

"THE RUNNING start of the race, with thousands of fans lining the riverbanks and cheering, really gets your adrenaline pumping; it's a real charge! But, endurance and pacing always win in the end," said one long-time race observer. "Those that 'jackrabbit' and go hard early in the race, burn out. They don't have what it takes to reach Oscoda and the finish line."

While the race is certainly daunting to the competitors, these comments were made about AuSable marathon spectators and fans.

At the sound of the starter's pistol at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 29,



Photo by Caleb Casey

Defending Marathon champs Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin were the first team to finish the Spike's Challenge, held on Sunday, July 23. For more on the event, see Page 1B.

more than 65 two-person teams will run with their canoes several blocks through the streets of Grayling to the AuSable River in front of Ray's Canoe Livery, beginning North America's toughest, richest non-stop canoe race.

EXCITEMENT IS at a fevered pitch among the participants and fans alike during the frenzied start of the race, which has been described as the most intense two minutes in competitive sports. A total of perhaps 50,000 fans or

more will cheer on the gritty Marathon canoe racing competitors at various points throughout the race. The heartiest fans drive the full length of the AuSable River course from Grayling to Oscoda, moving from one viewing location to the next at public landings, bridges and hydroelectric dam portages to cheer on their favorite teams.

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New animal control ordinance on hold

► More public
hearings to be held?

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A new ordinance that would label pit bulls and wolf hybrids as "vicious," as well as make cat and ferret owners license and vaccinate their pets, is now on hold.

At its June 21 regular meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to hold two public hearings on the proposed animal control ordinance on July 12. Meetings were scheduled for 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., allowing residents with differing schedules a chance to attend either or both and an opportunity to give comments and ask questions.

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Wish comes true for local boy

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

A wish has come true for eight-year old Matthew Vradenburg, of Grayling, the fifth generation of his family to contract the hereditary disease, neurofibromatosis.

This disease has many side effects and Matthew is currently subjected to optic glioma which has caused a malignant tumor on the optic nerve in his brain, essentially hampering his eye sight. He also has hypertension, AD HD HI, a hyper impulsive disorder, along with scoliosis, CPP (which is central precocious puberty), as well as small and large motor dysfunction that inhibits his learning disabilities.

When Matthew's disease was diagnosed as a life-threatening illness, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan approached him and asked him what was his biggest wish. Matthew told them it was to have his own computer. He said that it would help him with his school work.

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Photo by Danielle McGillis

Matthew Vradenburg was given a highly-advanced computer system by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The 8-year old suffers from neurofibromatosis and the side effects that accompany the disease, which has now caused a malignant brain tumor. He receives a big hug from his grandmother, Sandra.

Council seeks input on proposed city hall

► City officials to hold public hearing regarding 3 proposed sites for new hall

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said he hopes he doesn't hear any complaints after the City Council makes their decision on one of three proposed sites for the construction of a new city hall -- especially from those who haven't offered suggestions or comments beforehand or at a public hearing scheduled for July 31.

"Already, I have heard comments that the building will be too big," remarked Lowe. "Then, I've heard from others that the new city hall will be too small, and we'll outgrow it too soon. So, I'm really encouraging city residents to come to the public hearing and give some input."

Lowe said this is the first time in the history of Grayling that a city hall will be built. Over the years, city offices have been located in a couple different locations -- always in pre-existing structures.

The estimated cost of constructing a new facility from one of three architectural renditions is \$600,000 for 5,000 square feet of city office and police department space. Lowe said the addition of a basement, which he believes is necessary to handle future growth needs, is \$150,000. A large part of the basement's construction costs would be the installation of an elevator, necessary to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Proposed locations of the new city hall are the old Fred Bear Archery site; on the city park property (the pavilion would be moved to the other side of the river); and adjacent to the Michigan State Police Lab, near the city hall's most recent addition.

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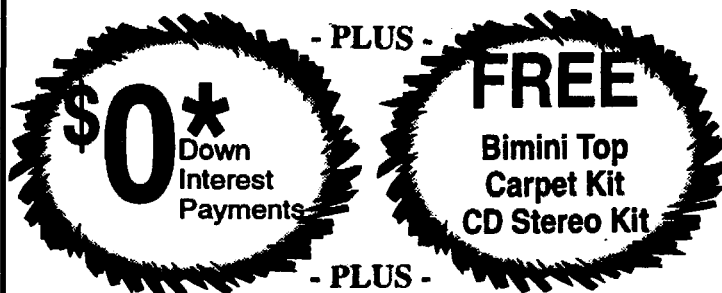
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questions pertaining to the ordinance.

Though the public hearings were mentioned in an article appearing in the June 29 issue of the *Crawford County Avalanche*, as well as in a letter to the editor written by Animal Shelter Director Dixie Lobsinger, no legal notice was published prior to the hearings. The law does not state that the board was remiss when not advertising, however, the commissioners agreed the omission from the pages of the *Avalanche* was a mistake, albeit an oversight on their part.

Board Chair Lynnette Corlew said because some people have questioned the procedure used to notify the public of the two hearings, the Board will hold a special meeting to consider whether they will hold two more public hearings on the ordinance or to revisit the issue at all.

After discussion where District 2 Commissioner Scott Hanson and District 6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee spoke at length about their desire to see the breed-specific labeling of pit bulls as "vicious" removed from the ordinance, the Board voted 3-2 in favor of the new ordinance at its July 19 regular meeting, with Hanson and Beardslee voting "no."

A discussion then ensued regarding whether all members of the board must be present to vote on passing an ordinance, as District 3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman was absent from the meeting. Pinkelman was in Traverse City where her daughter was receiving treatment by a specialist for a foot injury. Pinkelman said she was sorry she missed the vote, but had no choice but to take the only appointment available for her young daughter.

County Prosecutor John Huss was summoned and asked about the vote requirements. Huss said they need four votes to pass the ordinance. The Board brought the ordinance back up for another vote and it passed, as written, 5-0. Afterward,



Photo by Cheryl Rulley

Grayling Township resident Al Davis told the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at a July 12 public hearing about the problem of stray dogs in his neighborhood and thanked them for addressing the need for an animal control ordinance. The Board is considering the possibility of holding more public hearings because the last two went unadvertised, although legal procedure was followed with a timely notice posted at the County Courthouse.

Hanson and Beardslee explained they changed their votes because, without an animal control ordinance of any kind, their hands were tied to proceed with an effective animal control program.

A good amount of people, by local standards, showed up for the two public hearings. Most were concerned with stray dogs and some were concerned about labeling any breed of dog as "vicious" as the state already has "dangerous" dog laws on the books.

The American Kennel Club's Canine Legislation Department released the following position statement regarding "dangerous dog" control legislation on July 24: "The American Kennel Club supports reasonable, enforceable, non-discriminatory laws to govern the ownership of dogs. The AKC believes that dog owners should be responsible for their dogs. We support laws that: establish a fair process by which specific dogs are identified as 'dangerous' based on stated, measurable actions; impose appropriate penalties on irresponsi-

ble owners; and establish a well-defined method for dealing with dogs proven to be dangerous. We believe that, if necessary, dogs proven to be 'dangerous' may need to be humanely destroyed. The American Kennel Club strongly opposes any legislation that determines a dog to be 'dangerous' based on specific breeds or phenotypic classes of dogs."

Shelter Director Lobsinger said she is not happy with any law that automatically labels any breed as "vicious." She also said, "I have handled every stray dog in this county for the last 13 years and I get treated like I don't know anything." She continued, "If this ordinance is adopted and pit bull owners have to put a muzzle on their pets and isolate them from people, there will be even more unhappy pit bulls than there supposedly are right now. Penning them up and isolating them will not allow pit bulls to be the beloved family pets that they are to many responsible pet owners."

Chair Corlew said the ordinance is a "working document" -- one that

can be amended, if need be. She said she knows she speaks for the entire board when she says, "County Commissioners are not above making a mistake. If we find we need to revisit this issue, we will do so in public and do so soon. This Board has been and always will be open to public comment and suggestion."

So, for now, the ordinance is not in effect. As soon as the Board determines if more public hearings will be held addressing the animal control ordinance, the information will be brought to you in the *Avalanche*.

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months from approval." Reneaud said Johnson and the steering committee "did very well providing information and competed well with the other applications received." Johnson said, very humbly, "I guess grant writing is my strong suit."

The committee will have two years from the time grant monies are issued to complete improvements stated in their grant application. The MDNR Trust Fund grant comes on the heels of a \$2,000 Weyerhaeuser Company Fund grant to help pay for the Americans with Disabilities Act compliant restrooms, and a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant for \$19,000 to be used for developing a business plan and to pay for hatchery project brochures.

The steering committee will now begin fund-raising for Phase II -- building restoration and creation of a museum. Anyone interested in making a donation may do so by making a deposit into one of many "Fish Banks" located at business around the county or by mailing a check to: Grayling Fish Hatchery Restoration Project, P.O. Box 1128, Grayling, MI 49738.

Individuals and businesses that use ink jet cartridges in their printers may want to consider participating in a cost-free recycling program to benefit the hatchery project. Cartridges are mailed away for recycling in a postage-paid mailer bag and the project fund receives either \$1 or \$3 for each. Merrill, who also serves as Crawford County's Environmental Monitor, said the checks have begun to come in and hopes to see the program grow because it will keep a lot of cartridges out of the landfill.

For more information on the cartridge recycling program or on the hatchery project itself, please call Merrill at (517) 344-3258.

The Grayling Fish Hatchery is located on North Down River Road, east of the I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

The hatchery features a Fish Out Pond, where visitors may "catch their dinner." Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. everyday through Labor Day. Admission is adults \$1.50, children 17 and under \$1, children five and under FREE and a family pass for the day is \$6 for up to six family members.

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County Board accepts pay recommendations

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The County Compensation Commission, appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, has made their recommendations and the Board voted to accept them at its July 19 regular meeting.

The commission met several times since their appointment, interviewing the County's elected officials and gathering salary, duty and population statistics from neighbor-

ing communities. Their duty was to recommend what a fair salary is for each of those officials.

Appointed to the commission were Mark Hartman, Bert Kaiser, Don Schanz, Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Craig Hinkle, George Stancil and Brian Dunkley. They determined that the typical wage increase scale is set at 4% and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Crawford County is 1.9% and would base their recommendations using the multipliers.

The Compensation Commission recommended and the County Board approved the following:

- Crawford County Board of Commissioners - Chairperson annual salary of \$7,700, an increase of \$3,200 over year 2000; Commissioners \$7,000; no per diem, an increase of \$2,800 over year 2000.
- Road Commissioners - \$4,500 annual salary, an increase of \$1,000 over year 2000; eliminate per diem.
- County Clerk/Register of Deeds

- \$41,000 annual salary (same through 2001);

- County Treasurer - \$41,000 annual salary (same through 2001);
- Sheriff - annual salary of \$46,000, a \$5,000 increase over year 2000.
- Prosecutor - freeze annual salary of \$82,000 for four year term beginning January 2001.
- 2002 salary increases for Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff shall be CPI of year 2000 plus 1/2%, not to exceed 3%.

Suspect caught in Florida during runaway investigation

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

During the investigation of a complaint regarding a 16-year old runaway girl, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies learned she was in the company of 17-year old Troy Damon Dowland, in Florida, who fled from law enforcement while attending a family funeral this spring.

According to the Sheriff's report, Dowland and two others were involved in the April late night stolen vehicle chase, from Otsego County through Crawford, involving the Gaylord Police, Michigan

State Police and Grayling Police. Police allege Dowland was also involved in the theft of several other vehicles the same night.

Dowland was due to turn himself in to Otsego County authorities to begin serving a 10-month jail sentence in the April incident.

The suspect has appeared in Crawford County court on breaking and entering charges unrelated to the auto theft and chase. At that time, Dowland was released on a personal recognizance bond in order to attend the funeral and consequently fled the area with the 16-year old girl and two others. Sheriff

David Lovely describes the two only as a 25-year old male and a 21-year old female.

At the time of his departure from Michigan, Dowland was awaiting arrest on stolen vehicle and fleeing/eluding charges in Crawford County for the April incident.

During the investigation of Dowland's disappearance, along with that of the runaway, sheriff's deputies traced the foursome to Riviera Beach, Florida.

With the cooperation of the Riviera Beach Police and the West Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Dowland and the girl were

taken into custody.

The girl was turned over to family members in Florida for transport back to Michigan, while Dowland was held for extradition back to Michigan by Crawford and Otsego County Sheriff's Departments.

At this time, no charges have been reported to have been filed against the two adults in the case.

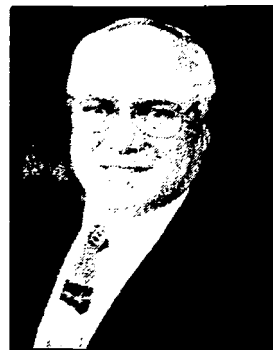
An investigation continues into Dowland's possible involvement in the breaking and entering of a Crawford County business, where cash and blank payroll checks were stolen and possibly used to finance the group's trip to the Florida.

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Industrial Park project gets \$50,000 grant

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced on Monday the approval of a \$50,000 economic development-planning grant to Grayling Township.

The grant will be used to assist with the development of a large parcel of property located north of Four Mile Road, east of I-75, known as the Industrial Park. The Industrial Park project is expected to bring perhaps hundreds of new, high-wage, full-time jobs to Crawford County.

"By working together, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and Grayling Township are making a commitment to further fuel Michigan's booming economy," said Doug Rothwell, president and CEO of

the MEDC. "This is excellent news for Grayling Township. The new jobs are a welcome addition to this community."

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said the township will match the \$50,000 grant which will be used to study the cost of infrastructure and technological development of the 1,850-acre site. This follows the April agreement with the Michigan Department of Resources to sell the state land directly to businesses wishing to locate in Crawford County.

Wright indicated two large businesses have made serious inquiries about locating in the Industrial Park thus far. Land sale is contingent upon the approval of businesses by local government and the Industrial Park Development Committee.

Library benefit event raises over \$7,000

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Friends of the Library, the support group of the Crawford County Library and its new building project, are very pleased with the results of their benefit dinner and silent auction held recently.

According to Shirley Schmoock, Friends of the Library raised nearly \$7,250 from the events. "Fifty-seven very generous donors made the silent auction a great success," Schmoock said.

The silent auction was held simultaneously with a benefit dinner at Shoppenagon's Inn on July 14. About 121 people attended the dinner where live entertainment and two masters of ceremony filled the evening with fun.

When a drawing exclusively for those in attendance began, things got interesting.

The first ticket drawn belonged to library employee Becky Deline; she

asked that another be drawn.

The next ticket drawn belonged to Library Board President Barbara Greene; she also asked that another ticket be drawn.

Finally, a ticket bearing the name of Friends of the Library President Barb Spasoff was drawn. She promptly donated the prize -- a 25-inch color television -- to the new library.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the library on James Street during the AuSable River Festival, July 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Council seeks input on proposed city hall

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recent location before moving temporarily to its current M72 West location.

Drawings of the three proposed sites the city council has considered were presented at the July 17 meeting, and are on display at the city office on M72 West in Grayling. Lowe said everyone is welcome to stop by and review those drawings, ask questions and/or make comments.

"Anyone who can't make the July 31 public hearing should submit questions, comments or suggestions in writing to my office by 4:30 p.m., July 28," Lowe said. "That will give me plenty of time to make

copies of what is submitted for distribution to council members prior to the public hearing, guaranteeing your voice will be heard."

The public hearing will be held shortly after the regular city council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 31 at Grayling Middle School. "The public hearing will be scheduled early on the agenda," said Lowe. "That way, residents won't have to wait around for long to ask questions, make suggestions or voice their opinions."

Lowe said although he appreciates hearing from residents by phone, in this instance he is requesting everything be put in writing to allow him to keep track of all cor-

respondence and to make copies of it for council members.

Anyone wishing to submit questions, comments or suggestions may fax them to (517) 348-6752 or mail to: Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, MI 49738.

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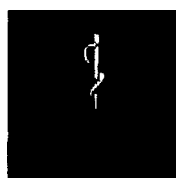
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Are smokers free of responsibility?

IN FOOTBALL, it's called piling on. In tobacco litigation, the losers call it their death knell, claiming it will put them out of business; the winners see it as a moment of well-deserved reckoning.

A Florida jury of six recently decided the five largest cigarette making companies should pony up \$145 billion -- that's billion with a "b" -- in punitive damages because cigarettes make smokers sick and can kill them.

The trial started in July 1998, and 157 witnesses have testified in the suit brought on behalf of 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida smokers.

Last July, the jury ruled that the cigarette industry makes a deadly product. Last April, the jury ordered \$12.7 million in compensatory damages to three smokers, who represented the class.

The latest ruling decided the punitive damages -- a punishment for the tobacco industry.

All of this comes after several states, including Michigan, worked out a \$257 billion settlement -- that's also billion with a "b" -- to repay the states for costs incurred in care of sick smokers.

THE MESSAGE seems to be clear: Smoking cigarettes can cause sickness and death. Cigarettes are not called "coffin nails" for no reason.

But that's not news. The companies' own research found the same thing 40 years ago.

And in 1963, after exhaustive research, the United States Surgeon General officially reported that smoking cigarettes can cause sickness and death.

That's when I gave up cigarettes. I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was a Saturday, and I was working at home on a speech for Gov. George Romney, for whom I worked as press secretary.

My three young children -- then 2, 5 and 6 -- had heard the results of the surgeon gen-

eral's report on the radio. They marched to my work room, took away my open pack of cigarettes plus seven packs in a just-opened carton of Salems. I raised no protest, and I have not smoked a cigarette since.

As a young father of a growing family, my kids wanted me alive, not dead with a cigarette in my lips. Bless them for their love and determination.

For almost 20 years before that, I had smoked cigarettes made by all five of the cigarette makers hit by the Florida suit. But I quit, because it was proved that cigarettes can be deadly, and I wanted to be around to help my kids grow up. It's worked so far.

THE SURGEON general's report came out 37 years ago! We've known officially for 37 years that cigarettes are bad news -- and yet even today people smoke cigarettes, and they get sick and they die despite the warnings and despite all the evidence.

I hold no brief for the big tobacco compa-

nies, who stubbornly peddle sickness and death at \$2 or more a pack, over the counter and in machines.

But shouldn't smokers bear some of the blame for their weakness and their stupidity? Shouldn't they be at least partly responsible for their conscious actions of smoking cigarettes, and their personal decisions to keep on smoking cigarettes, no matter what?

It takes two sides to make a smoker -- a company willing to peddle possible death, and a customer willing to risk it.

And all for the sake of a cigarette.

Smoking defies logic and common sense. It's mystifying.

THERE'S ANOTHER mystery in this whole tobacco tragedy.

Not only do we as a people countenance the continued use and sale of deadly tobacco, we also subsidize it.

Tobacco farmers still receive federal dollars for raising tobacco.

On the one hand, through the federal government we condemn tobacco and warn of its dangers.

And on the other hand, we ship taxpayer dollars to farmers who raise tobacco, which we vilify with the first hand.

That doesn't make sense either. Tobacco subsidies should be stopped immediately.

Of course, tobacco farmers are voters and political supporters, and they fear the continual assault against tobacco companies will shrink their income and eventually make tobacco farming disappear.

Well, these tobacco farmers have had the same warning as smokers. Why don't they shift to other uses for their farm land, like growing food or some other crop that's useful for humanity?

That seems to me like a simple solution, which probably makes it impractical.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Money just not there

To the editor,

As a lifelong resident and public figure, in particular one who manages county income and expenditures, I feel compelled to let the public know the truth about recent political events.

Ads have been claiming that merely by shifting Sheriff's Office personnel, this county could get a 24-hour patrol. This statement is simply not true. Anyone who understands budgets, union agreements and staffing dynamics would realize that manning a 24-hour road patrol is an impossibility under current budget constraints; items, such as short/long term illness, injury, sick or personal time and vacation time requires call-in replacement at overtime pay rates.

For example, overtime budgeted

for the Sheriff's Office road patrol, previous to the budget reduction, was \$65,000. This year, overtime is budgeted at less than a third of this amount. This does not begin to include logistical support, fuel, vehicle/equipment maintenance and personnel fringe benefits.

It is not as simple as adjusting current personnel, as one would have you think. If it were that easy Sheriff Lovely would have resolved this at that time.

Simply stated, this is a crisis brought about by a budget shortfall and was corrected by cutting non-mandated services. The money is not currently in the County's budget to provide 24-hour road patrol.

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

Those who protect criminals are part of the problem

To the editor,

I applaud the Frederic Kids for writing "Actions by a few spoil things for all" in the July 13 issue. While these "kids" may feel they are being disrespected, they fail to recognize that they are indeed part of the problem and do not deserve our respect.

It is obvious from their letter that they know who the vandals are. If so, why are they protecting them?

Young people or adults who destroy, steal or vandalize property make a conscious decision to spit in the face of the community and the law. They need to be held accountable for their actions. Those who

have knowledge of who these criminals are have an obligation to the community and to themselves to identify those responsible.

As long as the "Frederic Kids" and other kids and adults continue to protect their "friends" who destroy football fields, vandalize cars of pageant winners, sell drugs and break-in to cottages, they are as guilty as those committing the crimes.

You ask Mrs. Barber not to judge you but remember, you are judged by the company you keep.

Paul Kott
Sterling Heights

911 surcharge increase 'sound public policy'

To the editor,

At the regular July meeting of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a motion passed unanimously to support the increase of the telephone surcharge on each line to up to \$2.75, based on current line charges. The surcharge would help provide funding for the 911 services we all hope we never have to use.

With County General Fund dollars being used for 911, the county budget does not allow for an Animal Control Officer, Corrections Officer, law enforcement equipment, law enforcement training or a Court Bailiff so road patrol officers can stay on patrol. The 911 ballot proposal would permit funds currently used for 911 to stay in the general fund budget for those expenditures.

Without the increase in surcharge, Crawford County risks future budget cuts interfering further with the operation of the 911 dispatch center. In that case, local

knowledge needed to dispatch and direct services to a specific location in a timely manner could be lost to a regional system.

The Chamber Board appointed a committee to study the issue. They met with 911 staff, the county controller and administration of the emergency dispatch center for Crawford County. The committee found that the reasons for the increase and the use for the funds to be sound public policy and in the best interest of the people of Crawford County.

We urge you to vote in favor of the telephone surcharge on August 8th.

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Citizen: 'We need 911'

To the editor,

My name is Robin Cox. I have been a part of our Crawford County EMS for 19 years. It saddens me to ever think we could be without the security of our 911 Central Dispatchers.

I encourage our voters to support the increase in monthly charges on our telephone bills to assure Crawford County the necessary 911 services which are lifesaving services.

This approximate \$2.29 monthly increase will allow us the peace of mind for sufficient equipment,

training and staffing of dispatchers. Without such support, we chance having our 911 services moving to another county.

If this happens, accuracy in directions and critical time-saving dispatches could mean loss of a life or a home.

Voters, this life at stake or this home in jeopardy might be yours or your family's. Please consider making the positive choice on August 8th -- vote "yes" -- We Need 911.

Robin Cox
Frederic

Each animal should be judged by itself

To the editor,

I am not an uncaring person who wants to see dogs turned loose in the streets to mutilate or kill your children. Over the years, I have spent many hours in our local schools teaching your children how to avoid being harmed by animals. I also try to teach them about being responsible pet owners.

Responsibility is the key to the whole animal issue. I have grandchildren, they know what they should, or should not, do around animals of all kinds. I would be devastated if they were harmed, but I still do not believe breed specific legislation is appropriate.

Don't shrug your shoulders and think it will stop at "pit bulls," which is a generalization for many terrier and bulldog breeds, not just one dog. Your rottweilers, chows, and shar peis may all be added to the list. It could even become your beloved cocker spaniel.

Each animal needs to be judged by itself -- not by what breed it is. A few weeks ago a German shepherd

(not a pit bull) running loose killed a poodle in its own yard.

I am not so wrapped up in my love for animals that I don't see the whole picture. I have lived the big picture that none of you see for the last 13 years at the animal shelter and I have handled every stray or "vicious" animal that has come through the front gates. I also know that humans rather than breed, play a large part in an animal's disposition.

I have seen animals so abused by humans that they would have had every right to hate people. They still wagged their tails at my touch.

I have pulled porcupine quills from pitbulls I did not know, with no anesthesia. And I have had beagles and cockers who hated everyone and everything.

Do we need dangerous dog laws? Yes. Do we need breed specific laws? No. Your pet may be next on the list.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

Which breed is next to be labeled vicious?

To the editor,

I am writing this letter in regard to the animal control ordinance that has been recently passed in the county. I can not believe that the residents of this county have let such a great injustice occur.

I do not disagree that we have an animal control problem in the county. I understand that certain pet owners are irresponsible and that we need to protect the general public from "potentially" dangerous animals. The problem that I have with the ordinance is the breed specific language.

How can a community judge an animal on what breed they happen to be? By labeling a "pit bull" or a "wolf-mix" as automatically presumed vicious, this ordinance has the potential to create a hardship on residents of the county. If you happen to own an animal that belongs to this breed, but can not afford to comply to the full extent of the ordinance (building a kennel or obtaining liability insurance of \$500,000), you could be fined up to \$500 and

imprisoned for up to 90 days.

Does it make sense to assume an animal is vicious, invoke ridiculous restrictions, create financial hardships for the owner, and restrict the pet to complete confinement, including a muzzle without any sort of proof that the animal is indeed vicious? Where is the justice in this? What is to stop the county from adding other breeds to the presumed vicious list?

Any animal has the potential to be vicious. I, for one, have a two year old Rottweiler. I do not want to restrict my own pet to the extent that these other breeds are being restricted. My dog is a very happy dog, and as anyone who has met my dog can tell you he is a "big baby."

Why not take the ordinance to the extreme? Why not have all the animals declawed, spayed, neutered, teeth removed, and just for safety's sake, why not hobble them all too...?

Kevin G. Hunter
Grayling

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Rotary to serve up 5th Annual BBQ

The Grayling Rotary Club, which raises money for programs throughout the community, will hold its 5th Annual Grayling Rotary Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 29, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 106 on James Street in Grayling. The BBQ will be held rain or shine. Tickets are \$6 per meal that includes 1/2 chicken, baked beans, salad, roll and drink. Tickets are available in advance from Rotary Club members and at the door.

Retired state employees plan picnic

The North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will hold their annual picnic Tuesday, August 1 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 1 p.m. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Chapter will furnish chicken, coffee, and iced tea. All retired state employees and their spouses (or a friend) are encouraged to attend.

Lions announce Lucky 13 winner

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winners of \$100 are the Chapp twins.

Evangelist to speak at Burning Bush

Evangelist Gil Howard Browne will hold services at the Burning Bush Tabernacle, located at 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Reverend Browne is originally from South Africa and "flows in the gifts of the Spirit," said Burning Bush Pastor Patricia Petrie. Meetings will begin Sunday, July 30 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., continuing at 7 p.m. nightly through Friday, August 4. All are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call the church at 348-1278.

Viking Band Boosters to meet

The Viking Band Boosters will meet Thursday, July 27 at Grayling Middle School at 7 p.m. All band parents are welcome.

New pastor to serve at St. John

Effective August 1, Pastor Wayne Knockel will be serving as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church on Spruce Street in Grayling.

Unity announces upcoming speakers

Unity of Gaylord is hosting guest speakers over the next three Sundays at the Unity Center, located in the Otsego Township Hall in Waters. Jim Noble will speak about "Expressing Our Heart in Song" July 30; Rex Franklin will try to answer the question, "Who is God?" August 6; and Charles Frost, known as "Mr. Positive," will speak August 13. Sunday services are held at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (517) 786-3913.

Redskins to host Parents Meeting

The Grayling Redskins Football Program will be holding a meeting for parents of Redskins players and cheerleaders on Monday, July 31, at 7 p.m. at Redskin Field, located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Final sign-ups will be accepted, rules will be reviewed, and practice schedules will be distributed.

Women bowlers plan fall meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association's fall meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on James Street in Grayling. For more information, call Kary Moshier at 348-7118.

Ray's to host Music on the Banks

Encore Winds, a 65-piece concert band, will perform during *Music on the Banks* on Wednesday, July 26, on the banks of the AuSable River. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery. Seating will be provided. RAIN OR SHINE! The *Music on the Banks* concert is being sponsored by Cultural Events, the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon, Chemical Bank, and Citizens Bank this year.

Veterinary hospital celebrates first year

Grayling Hospital for Animals is celebrating its first year in their new location, August 1-2. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy refreshments while taking a look at their new facility.

GHS choir to host River Festival concession stand

The Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School choirs will host a concession stand July 28-29 to raise money for choir expenses. On Friday, July 28, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., the concession stand will be located in the parking lot of Riverland Gear.

On Saturday, July 29 the stand will be located at the corner of Chestnut and Ingham Streets from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Choir members will serve up brats, hot dogs, chips and pop. Choir Director Karen Ross would like to remind members to wear their Broadway T-shirts to work the stand; also, this is a great way to earn some community service hours.

Call Mrs. Coors at 348-3364 to sign up for a work time. Members

should also remember that float decoration night is Thursday, July 27.

For more information, call Mrs. Ross at 348-5363.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Amber from Hartwick Pines will be doing a program on "Ecosystems with Skins and Skulls" at the library Thursday, July 27, at 11 a.m.

The drawing for the gold Maxx Mountain Bike and for the CD player, donated by Burger King, will also be on July 27.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be Thursday and Friday July 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices are 10¢ for paperbacks, 25¢ for hardcover and \$1 for star books.

Aliens Attack Alpena is now available at the library along with other Michigan Chillers by local author Christopher Knight.

The series also includes *Mayhem on Mackinac Island*, *Terror Stalks*

Traverse City, and *Poltergeists of Petoskey*.

The Crawford County Library Board will meet Tuesday, August 1 at 3:30 p.m. at Lovells Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Telephone: 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Telephone: 348-4067.

The Beaver Creek Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone: (517) 275-2808.

Physicals for GHS/GMS athletes scheduled

Physical exams for all Crawford AuSable School District athletes will be held Wednesday, August 2, at Grayling High School. Physicals for all high school athletes will be held at 7 p.m., followed by middle school athlete physicals at 8 p.m.

Students must bring a completed Athletic Medical Treatment Consent form with them to the physicals, and a physical form with the medical history portion com-

pleted Forms are available at the CASD central office on Michigan Avenue or at Grayling High School. Additional forms will also be available the night of the physicals.

Any student interested in participating in a sport for the upcoming school year is encouraged to get a physical at this time. This is the only time physicals will be offered through the school district. There is no charge for this service.

Author to sign latest mystery

Author Dr. Richard Baldwin will be signing his latest book, *Administration Can Be Murder*, at Saturn Booksellers in Gaylord on August 5.

Baldwin will be signing copies of his book from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the store located at 133 West Main Street in Gaylord.

Dr. Baldwin retired from the Michigan Department of Education in 1997 and has spent his time since writing mysteries, including *A Lesson Plan for Murder*, *The Principal Cause of Death*, as well as his latest book now on sale. Baldwin resides in Haslett.

While at the signing, visitors may enter a contest to win a hand-painted "mystery chair" or a set of autographed books. Those wishing to enter can pick up an entry form.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the entire family of Doris Sorenson, we wish to thank everyone for the many cards, letters, flowers, memorial contributions, Mass cards, spiritual alliances, telephone calls, and condolence visits.

Knowing so many people care helps us bear our loss. We especially wish to thank her doctors, nurses, and the entire staff at both Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor, Dean Meyering at Sorenson Funeral Home, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Women's Club, and The Reverend Anthony Citro. Everyone was so kind.

You treated her with the care and respect she deserved.

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The Bible Speaks

Abortion Agenda?

Is the abortion agenda really freedom of choice for women? Much insight can be gained by reading the history of the abortion movement. Some of you may remember when we warned you back in the fall of 1972 that legalized abortion would open Pandora's box to the logic which gave birth to Nazi Germany. Margaret Sanger (1883-1966), one of the founders of Planned Parenthood, held to philosophical Nazism and was associated with the German Nazi movement. Sanger was not motivated by feminine choice but by belief in eugenics and genocidal population control. A number of books written by George Grant expose the true facts underlying the birth of the abortion movement.

In "Killer Angel" Grant quotes Sanger in her own book: "The Pivot of Civilization" as referring to "the elimination of human weeds." Sanger calls for the "cessation of charity" because it prolongs the lives of those she judged to be "unfit." Sanger called for the segregation of "morons, misfits, and the mal-adjusted," and for the "sterilization of genetically inferior races." In order to "save the planet," the "unfit" should be discouraged from reproducing according to Sanger. She spearheaded the opening of birth control clinics.

In 1939, Sanger organized the "Negro Project" to eliminate members of what

Sanger called an "inferior race." Sanger even stated that: "The masses of Negroes particularly in the South, still breed carelessly and disastrously, with the result that the increase among Negroes, even more than among whites, is from that portion of the population least intelligent and fit." How did Sanger plan to carry out her racist agenda? She would use liberal ministers to push birth control. "The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the Minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

But blacks were not the only group Sanger had problems with. She targeted "dysgenic races" which included "fundamentalists and Catholics, blacks, Hispanics, (and) American Indians," Sanger stated that: "Birth control appeals to the advanced radical because it is calculated to undermine the authority of the Christian churches. I look forward to seeing humanity free someday of the tyranny of Christianity no less than Capitalism." Most Marxists today view Christianity and Capitalism the great evils of America.

Their agenda is expanding from birth control and abortion to "partial birth

abortion," infanticide, euthanasia, and other avenues to eliminate the "unfit." When government usurps the God-given unalienable right of life by giving power to destroy life to any other person or group, government has become god. If the god of government can give women the choice to take life, like Germany, they can justify the taking of other human life by other means. Jesus said in Matthew 19:18: "Thou shalt do no murder." Neither our God nor our forefathers who wrote the Declaration of Independence were fools! We will either obey God and respect history or allow the inevitable destruction of all our freedoms.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.12k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.12k.com/~cba/index.html>

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Intercountry Adoption Act passed by House

Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) today voted and the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill, HR 2909, the Intercountry Adoption Act.

"There is nothing more rewarding than seeing a mom and dad bring a child into their family through adoption. This bill will help bring families together," said Camp. "Before I came to Congress, I represented families seeking to adopt and saw first hand the benefits of adoption, that's why I wanted to make adoption one of my highest priorities."

The Intercountry Adoption Act would implement the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, a legal framework for safeguarding thousands of needy children throughout the world and the American families who seek to adopt them. The U.S. signed the 50-nation convention in 1994, but it still requires Senate ratification and legislation to implement its provisions in

U.S. law.

"In the last ten years, almost 100,000 children from other countries have been adopted by U.S. families. We adopt more children from abroad than all other countries combined," said Camp. "With the number of intercountry adoptions, it's a responsibility of both receiving and sending countries to ensure that the adoptions are safe, and that they are in the best interest of the child, the birth parents, and the adoptive parents."

The bill seeks to combat abuses of the international process, ranging from falsifying of medical conditions to child kidnapping. The treaty requires all agencies providing international adoption services to be accredited in order to prevent these types of abuses. This requirement is central to the intercountry adoption process. It provides assurances to all countries that the many agencies involved in adoption services meet established standards of competence and expertise.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Joni L. St. Clair daughter of John R. St. Clair and Mary J. Swanic, both of Grayling, recently participated in Exercise Cobra Gold 2000 while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, home ported in Yokosuka, Japan.

The exercise tested the U.S. and Thai military to ensure regional peace. It also strengthened the ability of the Royal Thai armed forces to defend themselves and respond to regional contingencies.

The annual joint exercise involving units from the Thai and U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines.

was one of the largest, military exercises involving U.S. forces in the Pacific command this year.

Carriers like USS Kitty Hawk are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. They serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

St. Clair, a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School, joined the Navy in September 1998.

Church Directory

"Look at these large tomato plants! We must support those heavy branches so they don't break away from the vine and die. We need something strong to hold them up while the tomatoes ripen."

Nature teaches us about our Creator and how God has created us for His purpose. If we are to flourish and prosper, we must remain attached to our Creator. Diverging from His loving care, our life become fruitless and our spirit withers. In John 15:5, our Lord tells us..."I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

How do we remain close to God? Certainly we come to many obstacles in our path. The storms of life can make our branches heavy, threatening to break them away from the vine.

Know that the Creator is always near to support us and to protect us from spiritual decay. Look to him as you worship each week in His House. Your spirit will flourish and your life will be ripe with love and satisfaction.

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Christian Science Society 209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord Sunday Service..... 10:30 am April through October 2nd Wednesday..... 8 pm	Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Pastor Jeffrey Jaggers 400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974 Barrier Free Sunday Worship..... 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School - Sept. - May..... 9:45 to 10:45 Sunday Radio Ministry..... 8 am, 101.1 WQON Bible Study (Wed.)..... 10 am	Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Jeff Arthur Phone 517-275-1061 Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance). Church Service..... 9:30 am Sabbath School..... 10:30 am Prayer Meeting Tues..... 7 pm	Burning Bush Tabernacle Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278 501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling Sunday School..... 10 am Sunday Service & Children's Church..... 11 am Sunday Evening Service..... 6 pm Monday Prayer Meeting..... 7 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm Thursday Discipleship Class..... 7 pm Significant Singles Monday..... 7 pm	Grayling Assembly of God Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor 701 S. I-75 Business Loop Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588 Sunday School..... 9:30 am Morning Worship..... 10:30 am Evening Service..... 6 pm Wednesday - Family Night Adult-Youth-Children..... 7 pm	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints President George D. Rasin 600 North Elm Street, Gaylord Sacrament..... 10 am Sunday School..... 11 am Primary..... 11 am Priesthood..... 12 noon Relief Society..... 12 noon	Emma Lowery United Church of Christ 3474 West Park Road, Luzerne Sunday Worship..... 11 am Adult and Youth Sunday School..... 9:30 am
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Heritage Baptist Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411 1841 Hartwick Pines Rd. 1/4 mile west of I-75 Sunday School..... 9:45 am Morning Worship..... 11 am Evening Worship..... 6 pm Wednesday..... 7 pm	St. John Lutheran (ELCA) Pastor Wayne Knockel 710 Spruce Street 348-5224 Sunday School..... 9:15 am Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am Nursery is available	Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Pastors Lacey and Carol Stephan North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd. P.O. Box 1188 Church School..... 9:45 am Preaching..... 11 am Midweek Service Prayer..... 7 pm	Gaylord Christian Reformed Rev. V. Schaap 415 Ohio North, Gaylord Sunday School..... 9:45 am Morning Worship..... 11 am Evening Service..... 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm	St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community Robert W. Nalley, J.V., Pastor 700-708 Peninsula - 348-7657 Sabbath Eucharist Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm Sunday Masses..... 8:00 am Family Mass..... 10:00 am Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am Daily Masses..... 9:30 am Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am	First Baptist Church of Frederic Pastor Dale Hammond Sunday School..... 9:45 am Morning Worship..... 11 am Evening Worship..... 6 pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm Blessing Radio (Internet) http://blessing-radio.com	Resurrection Life Church Pastor Jimmie McWatters Grayling Days Inn Conference Room 231-536-7933 • jmewat@freeway.net Sunday Services..... 11:00 am
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Calvary Baptist Church Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor M-72 West Sunday School..... 9:45 am Morning Worship..... 10:30 am Evening Worship..... 6 pm Mid-Week Services Wednesday..... 7 pm Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm	Church of Christ Gordon French, Pastor Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-8613 In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on TV 29 & 8..... 9 am Sunday Classes..... 10 am Sunday Worship..... 11 am Sunday Evening..... 6 pm Wednesday Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm	Bear Lake Christian M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd. Sunday School..... 9 am Sunday Service..... 10 am	The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message Pastor Paul Rolfe 7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm	Abundant Life Tabernacle Pastor Lyle Studer 211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325 Sunday School..... 10 am Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:00 pm Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm	Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C. Pastor Terry Colby 705 Madsen St. • Grayling 348-2557 Sunday School..... 9:45 am Morning Worship..... 11 am Evening Service..... 6 pm Wednesday Service..... 7 pm	Harvest Time Church of God Pastor Fred Coates 506 North Birch St., Kalkaska (616) 258-3448 Sunday School..... 10 am Worship Service..... 11 am & 6 pm Family Training Hour and Prayer Wednesday..... 7 pm
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Lovells Chapel Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey Sunday School..... 10 am Chapel Service..... 11 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7-8 pm	Free Methodist Joseph Carpenter - Pastor 6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093 or 348-5362 Early Service..... 8:30 am Sunday School..... 10 am Morning Service..... 11 am Prayer Meeting (Wednesday)..... 7 pm	Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran-Missouri Synod Vacancy Pastor - Rev. William Winter 905 N. I-75 Bus. Lp. • 348-5921 • 348-6504 Sunday Services..... 11:30 am Sunday, June 25th..... 9:30 am 50th Anniversary Service The 11:30 am. worship time will continue till further notice. Note: NO Saturday Services.	St. Francis Episcopal Rev. Robert Henley M-72 West - Office 348-5850 Sunday Holy Eucharist..... 8:30 & 10:30 am Morning Prayer..... 10:30 am (the second Sunday of each month) Adult & Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am Sunday nursery provided..... 10:30 am by Licensed Daycare Professional Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:45 pm	St. Martins Ev. Lutheran (Wels) Herbert R. Filter - Pastor For information call 275-5443 Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 am, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI.	Luzerne Baptist Pastor James Durfee 2247 Durfee Lane Sunday School..... 10 am Sunday Morning Worship..... 11 am Sunday Evening Worship..... 6 pm Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm	Unity of Gaylord Rex Franklin, Minister Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters • (517) 786-3913 Sunday Services..... 10:30 am Sunday School..... 10:30 am	Westminster-By-The-Lake Higgins Lake - (Just east of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center) Sunday Outdoor Chapel Worship..... 11 am
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Webb elected chairperson of KCC Board of Trustees

Patricia Webb, Roscommon, was elected by her fellow board members as chairperson of Kirtland's Board of Trustees during the board's biennial reorganization meeting Thursday, July 13. Webb was elected to the board for a six-year term in June, 1999. Jan Keith Farmer, Rose City, was elected vice chairperson and Arlene Wilder, St. Helen, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Robert F. Bovee, Grayling and Carole D. Kuehn, Roscommon, who were elected to the board on June 12, were sworn in for six-year terms of office.

The board adopted a resolution acknowledging Kenneth K. Roberts, Prudenville, retiring chair, for his service to the community and in particular, his leadership in a successful presidential search and the college's campaign for the M-TEC facility in Gaylord. Roy V. Spangler, Roscommon, was honored with a

resolution for his service on the board from July 1, 1988 through June 20, 2000 and for his service as chairperson from 1992-94.

The board re-established the time and place of its regular meeting as the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the board room in the Administration Center on the college campus and prescribed the procedures for calling special meetings.

The board also named representatives and alternates to the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA); the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT); the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC); the Kirtland Community College Foundation; and, the University Center/M-TEC Joint Building Committee.

In other business, the board approved a ground lease between Kirtland and Otsego County for

property on which the college is to construct, own and operate the M-TEC (Michigan Technical Education Center) in Gaylord for \$1 per year for 99 years.

The board also adopted a resolution approving the operating agreement for the M-TEC Center with Otsego County. The State of

Michigan, through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) awarded to the Northeast Michigan Consortium a \$4,120,500 grant to help build a Michigan Technical Education Center (M-TEC) to be owned and operated by Kirtland Community College in Otsego County.

HONORS

Northern Michigan University

The following area students graduated from NMU April 29:

John D. Cox, of Higgins Lake, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Conservation;

Jason P. Hartman, of Roscommon, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Conservation;

Lars R. Larson, of Roscommon, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Natalie R. Kent, Denise K. Malkowski.

Olivet College

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring 2000: **James Curnalia** of Roscommon, **Jeremiah Hoover** of Grayling.

Central Michigan University

The following area students were among the May graduates who received Bachelor's Degrees: **Elissa N. Cox**, **Amy E. Neal**, **Nichole M. Sivula**, **Christopher D. Wolcott**, and **Joshua F. Woodland**, all of Grayling; **Jennifer L. Sidebottom** of Mio.

Michigan State University

The following students from Grayling were named to the honor roll for earning a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring 2000: **Ryan T. Gaffke**, **Brooke J. Ginther**,

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

A thought for your week ahead: Whatever you do today, do it better tomorrow!

Upcoming events at the Senior Center:

July 26 - Stag cards at noon.

July 27 - Blood pressures measured 11 a.m. - noon; "Lucky 7" casino trip leaving at 10:30 a.m.; Ice Cream Social at 5:30 p.m.

July 28 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

July 30 - Potluck at 3 p.m. - bring a dish to pass and your tableware.

July 31 - Stag Guys at noon; Bridge at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

August 1 - Euchre Club at 1 p.m.;

August 2 - Hearing Clinic by appointment; Stag Guys at 12:30 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

August 3 - Blood pressure & blood sugars taken 11 a.m. - noon; Speaker - Medicare issues at 12:15 p.m.; Trivia at 5:30 p.m.

August 4 - Pantry Bingo at 1 p.m.

August 6 - Sunday Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Meals are served at the Senior Center at noon and at 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday; a noon meal is served on Friday. Please call for reservations at (517) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500 so that amounts can be planned, however, walk-ins are welcome.

MENU FOR JULY/AUGUST 2000

July 26 - Veal birds/Chopped sirloin

July 27 - Tuna and noodles/Turkey

July 28 - Beef stew/no dinner

July 31 - Stuffed peppers/Beef roast

August 1 - Ham/Sweet and sour meatballs

August 2 - Baked chicken/brown steak

August 3 - BBQ beef sandwich/pork chops

August 4 - Beef and noodles/no dinner

Thought to leave you with: Life is a grindstone. Whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you are made of!

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during July 26 through August 1:

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Military maneuvers and artillery firing.

Range 30 Complex, located north

of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on: July 26-August 1:

• **Stephan Bridge Rd.** from CR 612 to N. Down River Rd.

• **Bucks East-West Truck Trail** from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

• **Ketchum Truck Trail** from Bucks East-West to North Down River Rd.

• **Bald Hill Truck Trail** from CR 612 to North Down River Rd.

• **Wakeley Bridge Rd.** from CR 612 to North Down River Rd.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road and east of the gas pipeline.

For further information, call (517) 344-6107 or (517) 344-6152/56.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following 60 complaints were handled by the Grayling Police Department from July 17 through July 22:

Five false alarms, one animal control complaint, one felony arrest, six misdemeanor arrests, one assault, two assists to other departments, two city ordinance violations, one civil complaint, two domestic complaints, four juvenile complaints, two larcenies, two malicious destruction of property, one motorist assist, five private property accidents, three traffic accidents, one attempt to locate, seven civil infraction citations, one misdemeanor citation, and 13 unclassified complaints. In addition, 19 traffic warnings were given.

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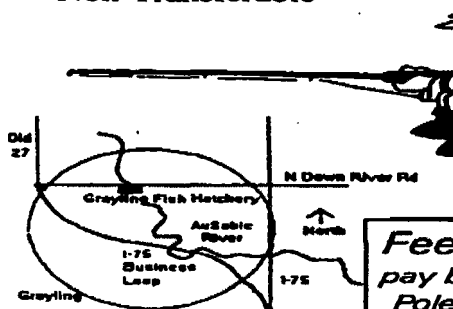
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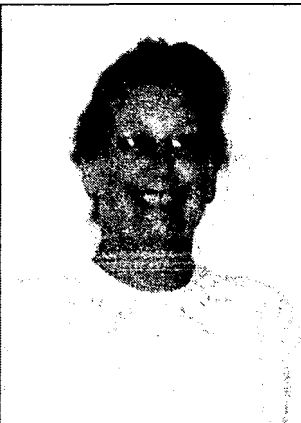
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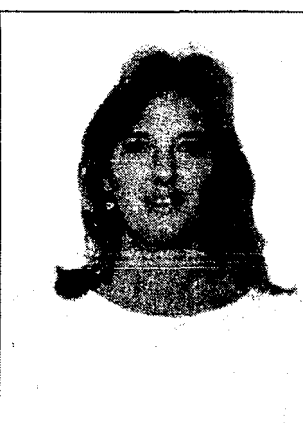
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Dawn is a licensed agent specializing in Life, Health, Property, Casualty, Auto and Accident Insurance. She has 10 years experience in assisting people with their insurance needs. Dawn is a resident of Grayling, she enjoys a love for animals and outdoor recreation.

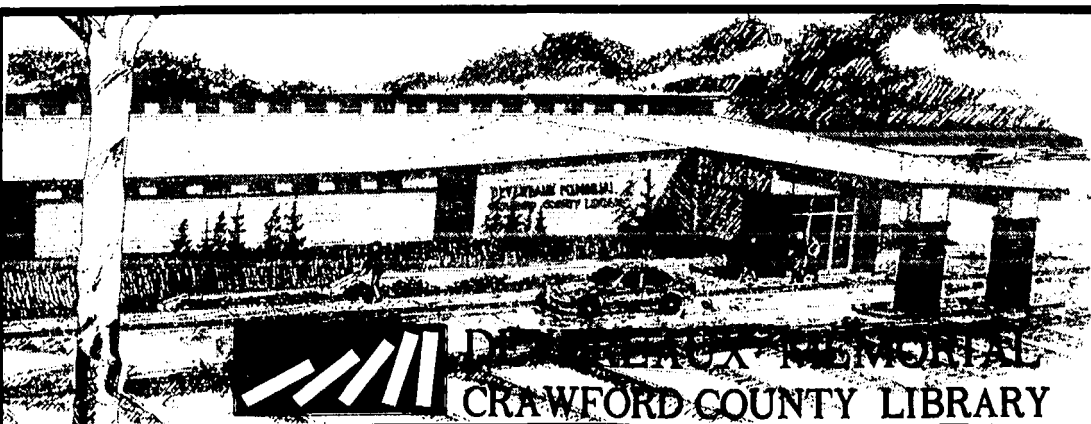
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Andrea specializes in Property, Casualty, Auto, Accident and other personal insurance. She has 10 years experience in assisting people with their insurance needs. Andrea has been a resident of the Grayling area for over 10 years, she enjoys camping, reading, motorbiking and travel. Andrea is ready to assist you in finding the best insurance coverage and a great low price.

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OBITUARIES

Clarence W. Conklin

Apr 26, 1919 - Jul 17, 2000

Clarence W. Conklin, 81, of Evart, died Wednesday at Autumnwood of McBain.

Mr. Conklin was born in Oldsmar, Florida, the son of Clarence M. and Etta Marie (Marshall) Conklin. He married Fern M. Hoag June 20, 1939 in Angola, Indiana.

He was employed by the state of Michigan as a carpenter and brick mason at Camp Grayling National Guard Camp. He served his country in the Navy during World War II. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents: one son, Clarence J. Conklin; and one daughter, Nancy Lee Conklin.

Survivors include his wife, Fern of Evart; children, Al (Sandra) Conklin of Evart, and Sandra K. (Lanny) Rowe of Holt; one sister, Vivian Conklin of Gainesville, Florida; ten grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Onondaga Sportsman's Club in Eaton Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Fosnaught Funeral Home, Marion.

Alberta Bentley

Alberta (Miller) Bentley, 84, of Atlantis, Florida, died Wednesday July 19.

Mrs. Bentley spent summers on the AuSable River for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband of 48 years, George A. Bentley; stepson Brian A. (Florance) Bentley of Westborough, Massachusetts; a grandson and granddaughter; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held Friday, July 28 at Dorsey Funeral Home in Lake Worth, Florida. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Palm Beaches.

Helen Mae Crawford

Apr 19, 1923 - Jul 17, 2000

Helen Mae Crawford, 77, formerly of Grayling, died Monday at Brittany Manor nursing home in Midland.

The former Helen Ragsdale was born in Buncombe, Illinois, the daughter of Herbert and Dora Ragsdale. She and her late husband, James, moved to Grayling in 1970, where she founded Golden Rule Printing in the dining room of her home. It grew into a thriving concern that serviced many of the Grayling area businesses. She also managed the Southgate Motel for many years until her retirement in 1993.

The couple was active in Band Boosters, Rotary and the Grayling Booster Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents, Herbert and Dora Ragsdale; one brother Franklin Ragsdale.

Survivors include her daughter Terri Crawford of Midland, Beth Adkison, Christie Coon, Robin Wadsworth, James Rice and Dana Webber of Edgewater, Florida; sister, Eva (Gene) McHenry; brother, LaVon Ragsdale of Marion, Illinois; many nieces and nephews.

At her request, her remains were donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. She felt that in this way she could go on helping people even after her death.

Cards can be sent to Terri Crawford, 5301 Dublin Rd. Apt 906, Midland, Michigan 48640.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Sophia Lynn Sellers

Died July 20, 2000

Sophia Lynn Sellers, daughter of Dan and Debi Sellers, was stillborn Thursday at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

In addition to her parents, survivors include a sister, Emily Rose, at home; paternal grandmother, Laura Sellers of Traverse City; maternal grandmother, Marlyn Caridi (George Betts) of West Palm Beach, Florida; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Robert Sellers and her maternal grandfather, Vaughn Henderson.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic Township.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Medical Center Neonatal Unit.

Arrangements by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Debra J. Ockerman

Jul 15, 1959 - Jul 13, 2000

Debra J. Ockerman, 40, of Ishpeming, formerly of Grayling, died Thursday at home.

The former Debra Dedafoe was born in Lansing, the daughter of Joseph and Helen Dedafoe. She graduated from Grayling High School in 1977. On January 21, 1978 she married RobRoy Ockerman. In October 1981 they moved to the Upper Peninsula where they have resided since. For many years she was a homemaker, then entered the work force in November 1998 at MFC of Marquette.

She enjoyed making crafts. She was a member of the Calvary Church of Negaunee and taught Sunday School for 16 years.

Survivors include her husband, RobRoy; two sons, Jason (Lori) and Justus; two daughters, Jamie and Julie; two grandsons, Caleb and Joshua all of Ishpeming; her parents, two brothers Larry (Cindy), Darrell (Sally), two sisters Penny Alimenti, Terri (Louis) Kehr all of Grayling. Also surviving are a grandmother and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 17, at Bjork & Zhukie Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Crider officiating. Burial was in the Ishpeming Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason and Justus Ockerman, Larry, Darrell and Jeffrey Dedafoe, and Louis Kehr.

Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Tackett wish to express their gratitude to all the wonderful nurses and doctors at Mercy Hospital. To the help and support from Dr. Todoroff's office, Amicare, and the Commission on Aging.

Special thanks to the dietary staff at Mercy Hospital and to our friends and neighbors.

We wish to express an extra special thank you to Linda Bearss at Parrott's Perch for her extra special gift on a rainy day. (Thank you.)

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She has not really left us,
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On a long different journey,
And we'll meet again one day...

She has not really left us,
Though it seems we had to part.
Take comfort that we will always
Find her hidden in our heart.

Author Unknown

Doris C. Sorenson

Apr 20, 1913 - Jul 17, 2000

Doris Cecelia Sorenson, 87, of Grayling, died Monday at Mercy Manor.

The former Doris Harnois was born in Saginaw, the daughter of William and Teresa Harnois. She graduated from Holy Family Catholic School in Saginaw and completed two years of nursing school.

She married Alfred J. "Bud" Sorenson January 30, 1934, at the Rectory of Holy Family Catholic Church in Saginaw. With her husband, she owned and operated Sorenson Funeral Home, before retiring in 1976.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; her parents, William and Teresa Harnois; daughter Marlene Lippard; grandson Mark Sullivan; great-granddaughter Emily Ann Heidenga; two sisters and one brother.

Survivors include her daughters, Denise (Derek) McEvers and Marcia (Richard) Sullivan; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, July 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Reverend Anthony Citro officiating.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling. There was a wake service held Thursday at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers were Alfred Feldhauser, Henry Feldhauser, John Sullivan, Matthew Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Jason McEvers and Richard Lippard.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Ruth VanNatter

Aug 26, 1899 - Jul 19, 2000

Ruth VanNatter, 100, of Cadillac, died Wednesday at her home.

The former Ruth Edmonds was born in Maple Forest Township, the daughter of Rufus and Pauline (Schreiber) Edmonds. She graduated from Frederic High School. She married Mahlon "Elmer" VanNatter. She taught school and was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. She loved to read and work in her flower garden. She took her first airplane ride at 86 years old.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mahlon; her parents; son Lep; brother York Edmonds; grandsons Michael VanNatter and Robert Eaton; granddaughter Belinda VanNatter.

Survivors include her daughter, Beatrice Eaton of Cadillac; granddaughters Ronda (Pete) Vandenboss of Falmouth, Anita Eaton of Cadillac, Colleen (Mickey) Wendorf of Coldwater and Gloria (Roger) Mishler and Gayle (Richard) Scherlitz, both of Manton; two grandsons; brother Rufus Edmonds of Flint; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, July 22 at Hitesman Funeral Home with Reverend Robert Chambers officiating. Burial was in Lucas Cemetery.

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Work History:

Employer Name: Crawford County Sheriff Department

Dates Employed: 18 years serving Crawford County.

Job Description:

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- Initiated safety programs for elementary grade children.
- Formulated budgets for marine/snowmobile programs, reporting directly to the DNR in Lansing.
- Assisted road patrol, ambulance corps, corrections and other key units in the Sheriff's Department.

Employer Name: Scuba North, Inc.

Job Description: Taught diving and police search & recovery classes to area law enforcement.

Employer Name: Ogemaw County Sheriff Department

Dates Employed: 3 years with the Ogemaw County.

Job Description: Road patrol, dispatch and traffic enforcement.

Employer Name: United States Army

Dates Employed: Vietnam era, 1969 to 1971, stationed in Korea and Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Job Description: Military Police.

Partial List of References:

(additional references available upon request)

Ken Wright, Richard Beckman, David and Heidi Vogel, Jean and Joe Callewaert, Terry Wright, Harold "Bum" Hatfield, Gary Pettyjohn, June and Gary Ginther, Karl Schreiner and Dr. John and Lori Wybraniec

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Team members agreed, "We are always happy to participate in community functions and support the community in any way we can."

The pennants were purchased by the Community Improvement Committee to help promote AuSable River Festival activities, scheduled in Grayling July 27 through 29.

As another contribution to the annual Festival, Re/Max of Grayling will be offering free rides in the Re/Max hot air balloon from 4

p.m. to 6 p.m. each day of the festival. Brokers Charlene Scheer and Craig Hinkle welcome the community to participate in the fun.

Re/Max will also be offering free face painting with Re/Max Hot Air Balloon tattoos and free helium balloons.

Look for this activity in the downtown area of Grayling.



Photo courtesy of Re/Max of Grayling

The Grayling Re/Max real estate team decorated the downtown area with racing flags recently as their contribution to the annual AuSable River Festival. Re/Max will be offering free hot air balloon rides and face painting during the Festival honoring the 53rd AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Some of those who helped bring an exciting canoe racing atmosphere to Grayling are (back) Craig Hinkle, Tom Slavens, John Cherven; (front) Debbie Sala, Charlene Scheer.

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Concerned parents strive to find a place for teens

► Fund-raising effort for 'Grayling Teen Center' begins

by Danielle McGillis
Staff Writer

A meeting was held at a local pizzeria on Tuesday, July 18 by a group of concerned parents to propose ideas to open a teen center in Grayling.

Ed Limmel, founder of the idea, along with his wife, Lori, friends Mike Lowe and Wendy Pittman, along with County Controller Paul Compo, got together at 2 p.m. to brainstorm the matter. The group talked about activity ideas, goals, routes to success and the need for financial and community support to make the Grayling Teen Center work.

The targeted age group is junior high and high school students. The parents want to provide area kids with a safe place to go after school and possibly on weekends.

"We want to provide our teens with a drug-and alcohol-free environment that is fun and responsible," said Ed Limmel. "Group members all agreed the project has to be a total community effort in order for it to work."

"The first step is to find a building to host the Grayling Teen Center," said Mike Lowe. Then there will be the demand for volunteers, financial support, an activity director and, perhaps most importantly, convincing the public this is something area youths desperately need.

"So many people have negative thoughts because of other failed attempts at providing a place for the

area teens to go. But, we feel we can make it work. For our children, we have to," said Lori.

Throughout the past few months of contacting local businesses and organizations, the group has been pledged many donations and support. "We just need to bring it all together," stated Lori.

Fund-raisers are being organized and some planned activities will include, horseshoes, basketball, canoe trips, and tutoring. Both a female and a male chaperone will be present at all activities, Mike Lowe assured.

Anyone interested in developing this project, should contact Ed Limmel at (517) 657-8309 or Mike Lowe at 344-9810. The group meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at B.C. Pizza. Anyone interested is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Beaver Creek woman elected to public enrichment board

Kathy Mobarak, of Beaver Creek Township, has been elected as vice president of the Public Enrichment Foundation Board of Trustees.

With headquarters in Kingston, the Foundation is one of two non-profit agencies charged with the distribution of Michigan's free book program. Operating with an approved budget from Michigan's Library of Congress, the agency distributes to both the upper peninsula and all of northern lower

Michigan.

Mobarak has been a member of the Beaver Creek Township Board of Trustees for 16 years. She is the founder of the Beaver Creek Community Reading Program and has helped distribute nearly \$500,000 in free reading material to residents of Beaver Creek and surrounding areas for about seven years. Mobarak distributes the books from her home on Seven Mile Road.

Mobarak was asked to join the Foundation's board last year after her efforts to improve the literacy skills in and around Crawford County were noted by its members. Since then, she has worked from her home to recruit more eligible groups in the lower peninsula, allowing them to receive reading materials from the Foundation.

"This is a tremendous honor, bringing with it some exciting new challenges," said Mobarak. "I firmly believe our future lies in the proper education of our youth. Strong reading and comprehension skills are the cornerstones of good education."

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Whitehall, where he makes his home with wife, Billie Jo, and children Johnny Michael and Courtney Ann. Schilbe is a 1988 graduate of Grayling High School and a 1993 graduate of Purdue University, with an engineering degree in Metallurgy.

Elizabeth Wickland of Eatonton, Georgia, has been visiting her grandparents, Art and Marian Tessin. She arrived here from Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had visited her sister, Sharon and husband, Jason, who presented the Tessins with another great-grandchild, Trenton Robert Stovall, weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces. After the baby's arrival, Elizabeth came north to visit. She will visit her other grandmother in Detroit before returning to Georgia.

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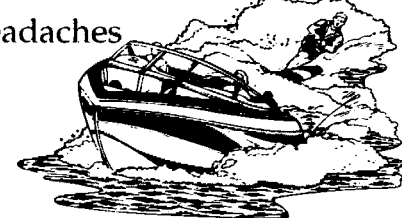
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Meet the candidates: Frederic Twp, South Branch Twp

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[Note: (I) denotes incumbent.]

Frederic Township

In Frederic Township, there are uncontested races for Clerk (incumbent Nancy Bindschattel-Democrat) and Treasurer (incumbent Sandra Barber-Democrat). Three people have filed for candidacy in the Supervisor race: incumbent Brian Hulbert-Republican, Ronald D. Lewis-Republican, and one Democrat, John B. Miller. Seeking election to the two Trustee positions are: Ernest B. Barber-Democrat, William T. Johnson-Democrat, Rose Ann Owens-Republican, and Darlene M. Wildfong, Republican. Mike Girard is uncontested in the race for Constable. Contested candidates for Frederic Township positions are:

SUPERVISOR,
One open seat:
Brian Hulbert (I)
Republican

(No photo available.)
Brian Hulbert is the current Frederic Township Supervisor and Assessor. He has been the Township Supervisor for over seven years. Other local government experience includes a two-year term served on the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

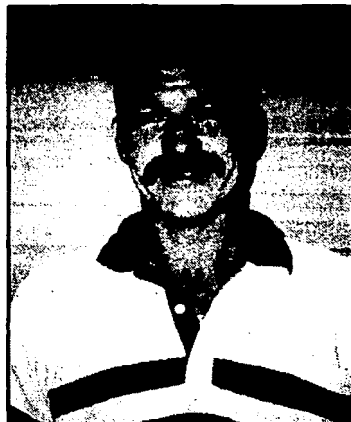
As a township official, Hulbert said it is his intention to continue "making decisions based on facts and what is fiscally responsible for the township," he said.

If re-elected, Hulbert hopes to aid in the completion of several projects, including improvements to the township park, the master plan, and road improvements. In addition, he would like to see more blight removed from the Frederic area, one of the township's main problems, he believes.

He feels that "apathy and tolerance for (the) substandard" are problems in both Crawford County and Frederic Township that need to be overcome.

Hulbert, a father of four, enjoys travelling in his spare time.

Ronald D. Lewis, a licensed residential builder/remodeler for DBA Riddle Construction Company since 1995, previously worked for the Michigan Department of



Ronald D. Lewis
Republican

Corrections. Of his 13 years with the corrections department, the last 10 were in a managerial/administrative capacity. During that time, he had contact with several state agencies, but Lewis has never held an elected office "not having considered myself a 'politician,'" he said.

Lewis hopes to bring "open-mindedness" to the township board position if elected. "As an elected representative of the voters, I would have to weigh a variety of viewpoints and investigate any number of options before making an informed decision to reflect the needs, desires, and best interests of the community," said Lewis.

"Having lived in Crawford County for 18 years and Frederic Township for 10 years, and being in the midst of raising a young family, I'm interested in getting involved in the process of making the area an even better place to raise a family, make a good living, and improve and enjoy the 'quality of life' that's available in a rural setting," said Lewis.

"In conjunction with the master plan being developed for Frederic Township, I would like to participate in any efforts to improve educational opportunities for our children and employment opportunities in general," Lewis said. "I would like to see at least limited increases in residential, commercial, and possibly light industrial development. I feel this can be done without infringing on the 'north woods' character of the area."

"When I mention 'expansion' and 'development,' I certainly don't advocate skyscrapers and wall-to-wall concrete. I believe there can be a productive compromise between progress and preservation of the recreational resources here," said Lewis. "The local economy is very dependent on recreational-based dollars. I feel that there should be more available to us than just 'tourist season' and 'off season.'"

Lewis believes one of the main issues facing Crawford County is "the fact that most of the property in the county is owned by the state and federal government. This not only physically restricts the potential for development but severely limits property tax-based revenues that would otherwise be available."

"In addition," he said, "there seems to be an unfair perception that the Frederic area is a 'backwoods,' 'backwater,' and 'backwards' community, recalling a number of editorial letters to the *Avalanche* last year. There was a time in the past that Frederic was the economic hub of the county and I would like to help improve the negative misconceptions."

Lewis and his wife of 23 years, Dorri, have two daughters, Tracey, 13, and Alyssa, 9, and one son, Ethan, 7.

John B. Miller
Democrat

(No photo available.)

John B. Miller is the only Democrat filed for candidacy for the position of Frederic Township Supervisor.

TRUSTEE,
Two open seats:
Ernest B. Barber
Democrat

Ernest B. Barber: No response. No photo available.

William T. Johnson
Democrat

William T. Johnson: No response. No photo available.

we have for the future."

One of the biggest problems facing Crawford County right now, she believes, is the "lack of jobs above the poverty level," Owens said.

For Frederic Township specifically, Owens said it is important to try "meeting the needs of the two populated areas: town and the river. We need to serve both areas and not just one," she said.

"The negative attitude about Frederic throughout the county needs to be improved," Owens added. "Frederic is a positive community with a wonderful future."

Owens and her husband Conrad have two grown sons: Paul and James.

In her spare time, Owens said she "likes to be busy and does a variety of things," but she spends a lot of time "visiting with people."

Darlene Wildfong
Republican

Darlene M. Wildfong: No response. No photo available.

South Branch Township

In South Branch Township, the two Supervisor candidates, incumbent Joseph R. Myers, Republican, and Thomas R. Kozlowski, Democrat, will move on to the November regular election, as will Clerk candidates Laura A. Smith, Democrat, incumbent, and Cathy S. Lewis, Republican. Republican Deanna M. Weiler is uncontested in the Treasurer race, and Maurice L. Michael faces no opposition in the Constable race. There are three Trustee candidates:

TRUSTEE,
Two open seats:
Bernice McGillis (I)
Democrat

(No photo available.)

Bernice McGillis, a beautician and business owner, is currently a trustee on the South Branch Township Board.

If re-elected, McGillis hopes "to help keep our township running in a sound and efficient order," and "keep an open mind and listen to the taxpayers," she said.

McGillis said she has enjoyed serving on the board, and would like to continue in that capacity "because I care about our township," she said. McGillis enjoys sewing, bowling, computers, travelling, and many other interests.



Rose Ann Owens
Republican

Rose Ann Owens is an employee of the Crawford AuSable School District and a lifetime resident of Frederic. She has served on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals and several committees at the township and county level. Owens has been a member of the Frederic Fire Department for over 18 years.

"I have been interested enough in the township to attend the majority of the meetings for the past several years," said Owens. "I have an understanding of issues facing the township and wouldn't have to be brought up to speed to know what is going on."

"I have supported the improvements in the township roads, park improvements, and zoning," said Owens. "I would like to see the township move forward in this direction and help people realize what a great place to live (we have), and what a wonderful opportunity

Zoning Board of Appeals.

His "past experience in township government, with the ability to learn from the past and work towards a better future" are his main strengths with regard to serving on a township board, he said.

"I have enjoyed the past years of service and look forward to future years," Musselman said.

Musselman would like "to help make South Branch Township the safest and greatest place to live, work, and recreate in northern Michigan," he said.

"In my opinion, Crawford County has made great strides in coming together as a governing body, all pulling in the same direction," said Musselman. "This will make our county stand tall and be focused. We, as residents of Crawford County, need to continue to elect leaders who will work together in the greatest interest of Crawford County as a whole."

In South Branch Township, "There is a definite need to develop a Master Plan, in cooperation with Crawford County," said Musselman. "We have formed a planning committee, which will study this extensively and make recommendations to (the township) board. These will then be studied by our board and passed on to the county."

"Also," he said, "the problem of trash removal continues. Our board is making every effort to supply the residents with the most economic and equitable way of doing this."

Musselman has been married for 44 years and has five grown children. He enjoys "the outdoors in our beautiful state," including fishing, hunting, gardening, and camping.

Kevin Jay Tingstad
Democrat

(No photo available.)

Kevin Jay Tingstad is currently employed as a service technician.

He is seeking election in order "to bring a change and a sense of purpose to South Branch Township and to be a part of guiding the township into the future through sensible growth and responsible fiscal policies."

He would like "to bring a new perspective onto the board," he said. If elected, Tingstad plans "to help develop a master plan for township growth" and "to help pass decisions that will ensure the protection of our natural resources and allow for sensible growth."

He would bring "honesty, fiscal responsibility and concern for the health of our natural resources" to the board, he said.

Tingstad believes the main issues facing Crawford County are: "lack of proper land use planning, lack of skilled high-tech jobs that pay well, anemic and haphazard commercial growth, and a general lack of vision on the part of our county leaders."

At the South Branch Township level, Tingstad feels "the township board has not always kept electors informed of important decisions," there has been "a lack of forward vision on the part of some board members," and "a lack of a master plan for future growth."

Tingstad has been married for 19 years, and has three children. He enjoys fly fishing, gardening, and hiking.



Paul Musselman (I)
Republican

Paul Musselman, a retired builder, has served as a township trustee for 26 years. In addition, he has 10 years of governmental experience in serving on the Crawford County

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Meet the candidates: Grayling, Beaver Creek, Lovells

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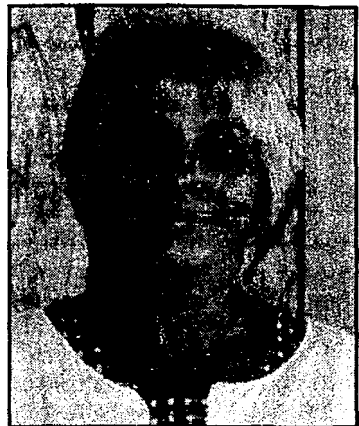
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Beaver Creek Twp

In Beaver Creek Township, only the Trustee candidates face opposition. Incumbents Lee Riley, Supervisor, Sharon Hartman, Clerk, and Vivian Balmes, Treasurer, will be uncontested. All three are Republicans. Trustee candidates are: incumbents Kathleen Mobarak, Republican, and Gary Summers, Democrat, and Republicans Linda Little and Deanne Whiteside.

TRUSTEES,

Two open seats:



Linda Little
Republican

Linda Little, a secretary/office manager, also works part-time at the Beaver Creek Township Office as Deputy Clerk.

"I have been interested in local government for some time, so I decided that it is time to be involved and informed on a regular basis with more of the issues that our township must face in these years of rapid growth," said Little.

"In the 20 years I have been here there has been steady growth in population and business," Little continued, "but because of all the state land we still need to encourage homeowners and business. Without planning the county will lose out on future revenue."

"We need to encourage more growth in business," said Little. "That will give us a better tax base, and more employment for families to be able to work within our community."

"We also need to enforce the laws concerning old trailers that sit abandoned and improper land use by non-residents," she added.

"I enjoy talking to people and I am not quiet about speaking out on issues that affect our property value and natural resources," said Little.

"I want to be an honest and fair voice for all of the great people in Beaver Creek."

Little and her husband David have two children: Meagan and Zachary, both of which are graduates of Roscommon schools.

She enjoys gardening, going to the lake, canoeing, and a variety of local events during the summer. In the winter, she likes to catch up on reading and go cross country skiing.



Kathleen Mobarak (I)
Republican

Kathleen Mobarak, a paramedic, is self-employed in human services. She has served as a Trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board for the past 16 years.

"Beaver Creek is a very unique community with a great deal of potential yet undeveloped," said Mobarak. "We have the opportunity to continue to grow while maintaining the peaceful serenity we have enjoyed for many years. I would like to continue to be a part of that positive growth."

"I have had to struggle with personal and financial problems. I understand and listen to those people who do not know how to work through the systems," said Mobarak. "Our government needs more understanding, more empathy."

Mobarak feels the most important issues currently facing the county are: "1) our young people need better, local job opportunities so they don't move away; that would help keep families united, closer together; 2) we have to travel out of town for much of our shopping; (we) definitely need to get a handle on this; 3) road condition and maintenance."

More specific to Beaver Creek Township, Mobarak said: "1) Beaver Creek needs to develop a more aggressive growth plan to keep a positive tax base; our individual residents can't afford to shoulder the cost of everything; that growth needs to ensure the healthy, quiet atmosphere we have had in the past; 2) most definitely our road system needs a real strong assessment -- and some creative problem solutions; 3) we need better ways to keep our families together; Beaver

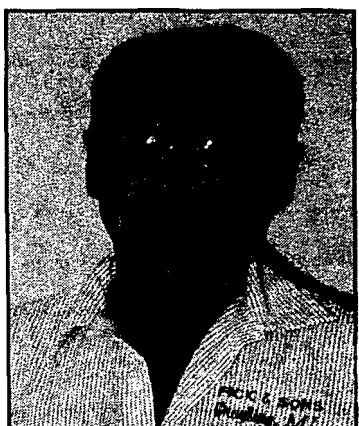
Creek has little employment opportunities."

If re-elected, "I will continue to keep our budget under control, maintain taxes at a workable level for all residents, provide additional services at affordable or no cost to residents. I will work to provide positive employment opportunities to our entire community," Mobarak said. "Continuing our healthy environment is also a personal goal. The development of a local library is completed -- so I will continue to support those efforts."

"I have always enjoyed an open door policy -- guaranteeing confidentiality for our residents regarding all issues," said Mobarak. "My home is open to any resident who would like to talk about any township issue -- current or past. I want to go in the directions our people want us to go. Remember: we are here for you, not for us."

Mobarak has one son, Jay.

In her spare time, Mobarak enjoys gardening, distributing free books through the community reading program in Beaver Creek, serving on the Roscommon EMS council, serving on the Public Enrichment Foundation Board (through the Michigan Library of Congress), and volunteering her services as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter.



Gary Summers (I)
Democrat

Gary Summers, who works with Fick & Sons of Grayling in the Customer Service and Sales Propane Division, currently serves as a Trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board. He has also served on the Beaver Creek Board of Review.

"I enjoy the challenges that township officials are faced with," said Summers. "Also, because I don't have a historical background in political matters. I view situations as an average citizen and attempt to make judgments and decisions using the common sense approach."

"My goal," he said, "is to see more citizens at meetings and voicing their opinions."

"I wish to be a voice of the people in the community," said Summers. "I believe the people need someone in public office that will listen to

their concerns and make attempts to place those concerns on the table. Sometimes I think people don't feel anything happens with their thoughts and ideas, and I don't want that to happen in our community. Public officials should be for the people."

"When I was a kid, I was always a leader, usually speaking my mind. However, over the years I've learned to listen and learn from others and to respect their opinions," Summers said. "I believe the saying 'you learn something every day.' Good things."

Summers said the current state of the "school system" is one of the most important issues in Crawford County right now. "I believe we all have the tendency to be very critical towards the system, but do too little to help make it better," he said. "Our youth is our future. We need to become more involved and vocal with what goes on. Our school officials need our help, not only our criticism."

"Growth," Summers said, is the main issue facing Beaver Creek. "The rapid growth and how to blend it with the quiet lives we are used to living in northern Michigan is sometimes difficult," he said. "Beaver Creek is growing in many ways, and we need to keep the beauty and resources alive, without making that growth feeling unwelcome. It's easy to become selfish, but others deserve to enjoy our community as we have for so many years."

"Crawford County is a very special place," said Summers. "We have so many good things. My wishes are that we public officials can be the backbone to keep things the same, but to help adapt to the changes we can not avoid. This is a great place to live."

Summers and his wife Gwen have one child; daughter Ciara, 7.

He enjoys coaching basketball, riding motorcycles, snowmobiling, deer hunting, automobile racing, and boating.

Deanne Whiteside is a U.S. Postal Service retiree, with over 30 years of service.

"As a member of the management team with the Postal Service, I was involved with personnel, record keeping, scheduling and planning, budgets, deadlines, and finances," said Whiteside. "Although I have not had experience with local government, there are many similarities. Learning the difference will be most interesting and a welcome challenge."

"I believe that I am qualified to make intelligent and informed decisions based on the needs and desires



Deanne J. Whiteside
Republican

of the residents of the township," she continued. "Since I am retired, the position would be my only job."

"I believe that my personal integrity and honesty as well as acute attention to detail will be most beneficial to the position," said Whiteside.

"When I am elected, I intend to urge more involvement of the people in Beaver Creek Township," said Whiteside. "The current average attendance at the monthly meetings is approximately 10."

"The township and the county are currently undergoing many changes, the biggest of which is growth," said Whiteside. "New housing, commercial and industrial business will provide an influx of money and employment which are desperately needed in this community. But with growth also comes

the downside of larger city problems. Both sides must be carefully considered. How much are you willing to give up for the benefits that will come?"

Also, "I feel that more needs to be done to reduce the costs involved with the trash situation and to investigate ways to cut expenses in general in Beaver Creek," she said.

"I was honored to be chosen to receive the 'Good Neighbor Award' for 1999 during the township picnic and I will be honored to represent you as your trustee in 2000," said Whiteside.

Whiteside, who has three children, enjoys cooking, camping, travelling, and crafts.

Lovells Township

Most races in Lovells Township are uncontested. Two people are filed for candidacy for the position of Township Supervisor: incumbent Frederick Schaibly, Democrat; and James McCredie, Republican. They will move on to the November regular election. Candidates for Clerk (Cheryl Hopp, Republican), Treasurer (Ann Doby, Republican), and Trustee (Delphine Nowaczyk, Democrat, and Republican Warren Fuchs) face no opposition.

Grayling Township

All races in Grayling Township are uncontested: Supervisor, Terry Wright; Clerk, Monica Ashton; Treasurer, Ruth O'Mara; Trustees Janice Annis and Thomas Hall; Constable, Jack Best.

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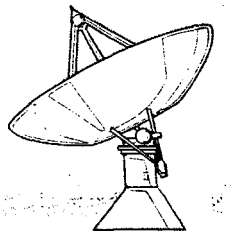
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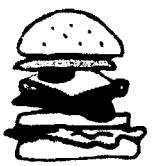
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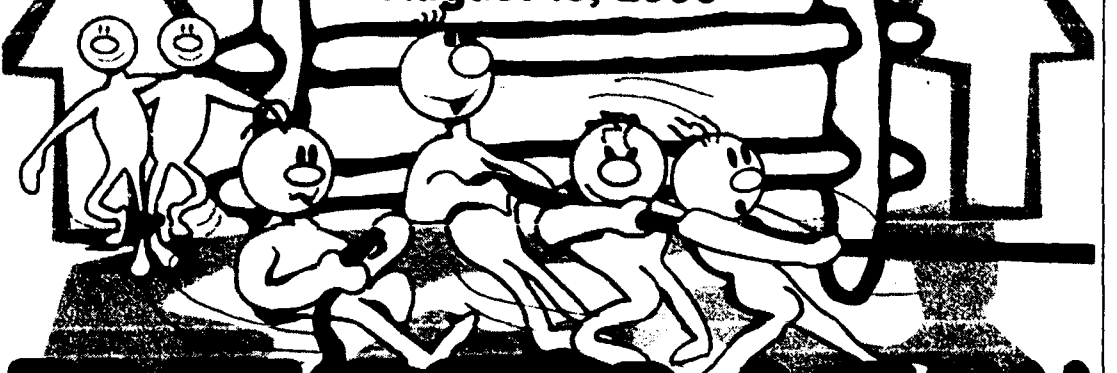


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Meet the candidates: Road Commission Board

Three county residents are seeking election to the Crawford County Road Commission's Board of Commissioners, which has one term expiring this year.

They are: incumbent John H. Hartman, Republican; Debbie Bondar, Republican; and Robert E. Nelson, Democrat.

Questionnaires were sent to each candidate prior to the upcoming August 8 primary election. The candidates' responses were the basis for the following:



Debbie Bondar
Republican

Debbie Bondar, a Real Estate Broker at Century 21 River Country Real Estate, is a Rotary Club of Grayling Past President, and for four years she served as President of the Northern Michigan Broker's Council for Century 21, which included 43 offices in northern Michigan, its brokers, and its sales associates.

Bondar said she wants to serve on the Crawford County Road Commission Board to "be involved in making beneficial decisions regarding the road system of Crawford County" and "to aid in the process of future improvements and better maintenance of our roads for the people of this community and for those that travel through. (I would) support additional safety

and improved economic avenues for the road system of Crawford County."

If elected, Bondar said she would "bring to the Board my 'public relations ability and practical business understanding. I am a proud resident of our community and understand the economic value of a sound infrastructure. If elected, I will make every effort to improve upon the maintenance and safety of our present road system. From a safety and economic perspective, this is so highly important to our communities, welfare, growth, and all our citizens."

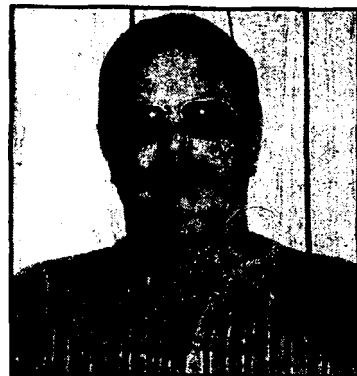
Bondar lists her personal strengths as her "ability to negotiate, listen, and understand more than one perspective" and her "commitment to getting the job done."

"My priorities for road maintenance would be keeping the roads free of ice and snow during the winter months, filling and fixing any and all 'potholes,' and continual grading of all gravel roads so that drivers have less chance of losing control," said Bondar. "Also, and very importantly, refurbishing existing roads which are in disrepair and resurfacing those in need."

Bondar has two children: Lexi, 15, who will be a sophomore at Grayling High School next year; and Jacob, 11, who is entering 7th grade at Grayling Middle School.

She enjoys snowmobiling and cross country skiing during the winter months, and boating and water skiing during the summer.

John H. Hartman, the owner and operator of S & J Excavating, Inc., currently serves on the Crawford County Road Commission Board. His previous government experience includes serving as a Village of Roscommon Council Trustee for three years and serving as the



John H. Hartman (I)
Republican

Roscommon Council's Mayor for three years.

Hartman's goal, if elected, is "to try to keep the Road Commission operating in the smooth manner in which it currently does, and also, to take into consideration the quality of the roads," he said. "(We need) to keep roads and bridges safe for the driving public."

"I currently am on the board and enjoy it very much," Hartman said. "I feel I will continue to be an asset to the board if elected."

Hartman has been in the excavating business for the last 20 years, and has knowledge of the equipment, as well as "the ability to work with employees and the public," he said.

Hartman and his wife Susan have two children, son Wade and daughter Jennifer, and two grandchildren, Chad and Ryan.

Hartman enjoys collecting cars and going to car shows in the summer.

Robert E. Nelson
Democrat

(No picture available.)

Robert E. Nelson is the only Democrat running for the open position on the Board of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Wish comes true for local boy

Continued from Page 1A

schoolwork and satisfy his love of playing games and surfing the Web.

"We are extremely happy to give Matthew a computer. We hope it provides him hours of fun and enjoyment," said Marie Jakovac, wish Manager for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, in a press release.

Because of Matthew's low tolerance to viruses and other infectious diseases, he has been out of school since last year. He is currently enrolled in summer school and his grandmother, Sandra Vradenburg, has faithfully taught and read to him as much as she could.

A teacher will now come in and educate Matthew for an hour, then his grandmother will work with him for an hour. Afterwards, he will spend time on the computer doing his lessons.

"Make-A-Wish just went overboard. I am so amazed with this whole set up," said Sandra and her husband, Donald. Matthew was given a printer, scanner, 19-inch monitor, advanced keyboard along with a regular one and over 100 C.D.s to accompany it. He also received a desk, chair, surge protector and light. "One learning program has 47 CDs alone," Sandra said. "He is set educationally for years." To add to Matthew's wish, Ronald McDonald donated a voice command device to Matthew and deemed him "his energizer bunny."

With Matthew's deterioration in vision due to the tumor, Sandra has been having him close his eyes in stores and practice relying on her for guidance. They also have a braille teacher come to the home once a week to instruct both grandmother and grandson.

The Vradenburgs are now hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst. Next week, Matthew will complete his last chemotherapy treatment with hope his condition will stabilize and will get to enjoy his new computer for a long time to come.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following 123 complaints were handled by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department during the week of July 17 - July 23:

One intercept; three driving violations/ DWLS etc.; seven delinquent minors; one runaway; three false alarms; two accidental fires; five hazardous conditions; 21 general non-criminal; 18 traffic accidents (six car-deer, three car-turkey, one car-bear); two parking violations; one traffic safety; one motor vehicle inspection; two civil matter disputes/family trouble; four suspicious situations; two lost and found;

One missing person; one assault/intimidation/stalking; one assault & battery/simple assault; two burglary/home invasion; four larceny; one larceny-other; one motor vehicle theft; one fraudulent activity; two property damage; one private property damage; one drug/narcotic violation; one family offense/abuse/neglect; 12 public peace/disorderly; one OUIL/UBAL; 14 health and safety (13 animal control); five miscellaneous criminal offenses; one miscellaneous arrest.

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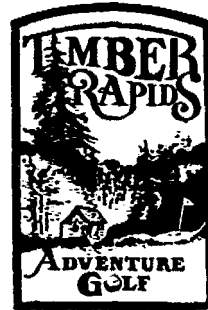
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Meet the candidates: Maple Forest Township

The upcoming August 8 primary election in Crawford County will help decide many of the contested township board position races.

In order to help introduce the candidates, questionnaires were sent to each candidate in contested races prior to the August 8 election. The candidates' responses were the basis for the following articles.

[Note: (I) denotes incumbent.]

Maple Forest Twp

In Maple Forest Township, only the Trustee candidates face opposition. Candidates for Supervisor (Mark Kniss, Republican), Clerk (Susan Keene, Democrat), and Treasurer (Debra Armstrong, Democrat) are all running unopposed. Trustee candidates are:

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Two open seats:

Michael Armstrong (I)
Democrat

Michael Armstrong: No response. No photo available.

Larkin C. Baker
Democrat

Larkin C. Baker: No response. No photo available.

Sandra L. Baynham (I)
Democrat

(No photo available.)

Sandra L. Baynham, a Technology Paraprofessional for the Crawford AuSable School District, currently serves as a Trustee on the Maple Forest Township Board. She was appointed to the position in 1991, then elected twice after that.

Baynham said she hopes "to work closely with the rest of the board to develop a Master Plan for Maple Forest" and "to continue to listen to the people and act in their best interest."

"We have seen substantial change in the areas around us and plenty in our township as well," said Baynham. "I feel it's important to the residents of Maple Forest that this township keep its individuality and I intend to help us keep that, and better the township for the future."

Baynham and husband Larry Baynham Jr. have two children: Larry, 16, and Katie, 12.

In addition to serving on the township board, Baynham is a full-time student working toward a teaching certificate, a girls softball coach in the summer, and a youth leader at Mt. Hope. She enjoys racing horses at the Family Farm and riding horses with her daughter.

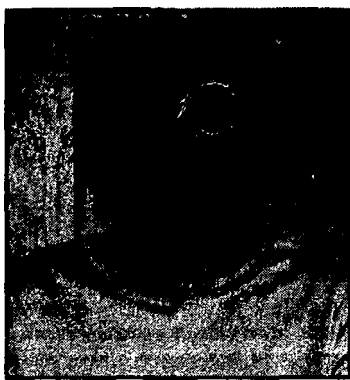
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Cathy Ann Kniss is currently employed as a bus driver with the Crawford AuSable School District. Government experience includes three years of working as an election official.

"I have lived in the township for 25 years," said Kniss, "and hope to be elected as a township trustee so I can serve the residents of Maple Forest Township, and to fairly represent them to the best of my abilities."

"I would like to help steer the future of the township with the development of the township's master plan," she said. "I also hope to push for more enforcement of junk ordinances to make the township a beautiful place to live."

In Crawford County, "controlled growth has started, but more quality paying jobs need to be brought to the area," said Kniss. "I am also concerned that the State Police patrols are not always adequate, so 24-hour road patrols by the



Cathy Ann Kniss
Republican

Crawford County Sheriff's Department need to be restored."

In addition to increased enforcement of junk ordinances, Kniss "hopes for potential development of a few small commercial businesses at the I-75 interchange on County Road 612" for Maple Forest Township.

"I am an extremely honest and open-minded individual," said Kniss. "I am concerned about my community. I feel that if I am elected to the township board of trustees, residents of Maple Forest will not be disappointed with their vote."

Kniss and her husband Mark have three children, Jason, Dale, and Nikki, and five grandchildren. She enjoys fishing, golfing, and walking.

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Because rabies is a fatal disease, it is important for the public to know how to prevent exposure to rabies. Each year tens of thousands of people seek medical treatment after being bitten by an animal that may have rabies. A few people die each year because they do not recognize the risk associated with an animal bite and do not seek medical advice. With sufficient knowledge, these deaths could be avoided.

More than half of the human rabies cases in the U.S. were caused

by exposure to rabies virus from bats. Contact with bats, in any location should be avoided. If a bat is active by day, found in a place where bats are not normally seen (such as in your house or on the lawn) or it is unable to fly, it is far more likely than other bats to be rabid. However, one can not tell if an animal has rabies and rabies cannot be seen, so all contact should be avoided.

People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat. An exposure to a bat is any bite, scratch, or mucous membrane exposure (eyes, mouth, nose). Because of the prevalence of rabies in bats, all bat bites are considered high risk, regardless of the circumstances.

Besides being bitten by a bat, there are other situations in which you should seek medical advice:

- A sleeping individual wakes to find a bat in the room.
 - An unattended child with a bat in the room.
 - A mentally or physically challenged person with a bat in the room.
 - An intoxicated person with a bat in the room.
- Another (potentially) risky situation is having pets in your home that capture a bat.
- If bitten by a bat, or if exposed to infectious material such as saliva, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical care immediately.

Bats are best left alone and not handled. If a bat is in your home and there may have been a bite or exposure to your family, pets, children, etc., seek medical treatment. Leave the bat alone and contact animal control or the health department for information on how to access rabies testing on the animal.

Remember, to prevent a rabies exposure:

- Never handle a bat with bare hands
- Make sure rabies vaccinations are current for your animals.
- Teach your children to not approach an animal that is not your pet.

Bats are valuable animals in our ecosystem but human contact with them should be avoided. This is the best protection we can offer them as well as ourselves.

Small Bus 'Rodeo' test drivers' skills, knowledge

Public transit bus drivers from Lansing, Iron Mountain, Marquette and Roscommon captured top honors July 18 at the 25th Annual, Silver Anniversary of the Michigan Small Bus Rodeo in Lansing.

Sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Public Transit Association, the individual and team competitions matched 60 small bus drivers in a test of bus safety measures and precision driving.

"We are proud to co-sponsor the Small Bus Rodeo. For 25 years,

this outstanding event has challenged bus drivers to improve their skills and knowledge. It is also an opportunity to showcase drivers who deliver safe and reliable transit services to their communities," said State Transportation Director Jim DeSana.

July 18 was also declared Public Transit Bus Driver Day by

Governor John Engler, honoring more than 5,000 men and women who drive public transit buses in the State of Michigan.

First place honors in individual competition went to Len Schmidt of the Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA) in Lansing. Dave Putnam, a driver with the Rosco Mini Bus in Roscommon, took second. Third place went to Tim Olson with UP Community Services in Iron Mountain. The drivers were scored on their safety knowledge, vehicle inspection competency and ability to maneuver a bus through an obsta-

cle course.

The three top individual winners are eligible to compete in the National Rodeo held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in May 2001.

CATA took top honors in team competition with drivers Steve Soliz, Nancy Irvine and Len Schmidt. CATA was one of 25 teams that competed for recognition. Mark Kauffman, Terry Parker and Dave Putnam captured second place for Rosco Mini Bus. Third place went to Marquette's MARQTRAN team of John Clement and Boyd Anderson.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

WHAT CAUSES SWIMMER'S ITCH AND HOW CAN WE AVOID IT?

QUESTION: Last summer after visiting one of our local beaches, my children developed red itchy spots. We were told that this condition is called Swimmer's Itch. How can we avoid the same problem this year?

SIGNED: Beach loving tourists.

ANSWER: Swimmer's Itch is a popular name for a condition known medically as schistosoma cercarial dermatitis. Although it seems like a common problem, only 1% or less of Michigan lakes are affected. Unfortunately, these lakes are the ones most frequently used for swimming and other recreational purposes.

Swimmer's Itch is caused by the tiny larva of the adult blood fluke. This little creature, which develops inside a snail, swims or drifts through the water looking for a suitable duck or water animal to penetrate. Unfortunate humans, who happen to be enjoying the water, may also be entered by this tiny parasite. Since the human body is not a suitable host, once inside the skin the organism dies. However, the body's reaction to a foreign organism causes severe itching at each entry point.

Several hours after penetration, one or more raised red spots appear on the skin. These red spots may be on the legs, back or chest or whatever body parts that were in the infested water. The itching and size of the spots increases and may be most uncomfortable on the second, third,


and fourth days after exposure. Usually, most symptoms have disappeared in a week although small red dots may remain for some time.

To decrease the incidence of swimmer's itch, some local lakes are treated each year in early summer. However, it is impossible to completely eradicate the problem. If you and your family rub yourselves briskly with a towel immediately after leaving the water, it will help you avoid contracting this uncomfortable condition. Avoid letting water simply evaporate from the skin, which enhances penetration by the parasite. Washing in a nearby shower may have some value. However, since penetration of the skin occurs in 10 to 20 minutes (or even less time if water evaporates on the skin) showering, unless it is done promptly, should have limited benefits and may not take the place of rubbing briskly with a towel as you exit the water. If infection occurs, there is little that can be done to treat it. Baking soda baths, calamine lotion, antihistamine products, hydrocortisone or anesthetic type products may provide some relief from the itching. Ask your pharmacist or physician for suggestions.

Usually by the end of July or first part of August, snails carrying the swimmers itch culprit will have died, putting an end to the problem for another summer.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Professor Libby Matson of Stockton, California is visiting friends this weekend. Miss Matson is a graduate of Grayling High School, Class of 1930.



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Paddler's Tribute races held this past weekend

Marathon favorites win warm-up race

► Kolka-Corbin paddle to victory in 'Spike's Challenge'

Nearly 60 of North America's top marathon canoe racing teams competed Sunday in the Spike's Challenge Paddlers Tribute Race, the final warm up before this weekend's \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The weather was excellent, though water levels were low for the Spike's Challenge, sponsored by Spike's Keg O'Nails Tavern and co-sponsored by the Grayling Restaurant.

Serge Corbin, 43 of St. Boniface, Quebec and Jeff Kolka, 41, of Grayling, paddled an impressive race en-route to victory, covering the AuSable River Course from Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling to McMaster's Bridge in 2:40.20 [2 hours, 40 minutes, 20 seconds]. Their winning time was nearly 3 minutes slower than last year's winning pace of 2:37.28. Kolka and Corbin, the four-time defending AuSable Marathon Champs, will try for an unprecedented fifth consecutive victory at this weekend's Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon, North America's toughest, richest non-stop canoe race.

Second at the Spike's Challenge, more than four minutes behind the winners [2:44.26], were Bill Torongo, of Roscommon and Calvin Hassel of Grand Island, Nebraska. For next weekend's AuSable Marathon, Torongo will



Photo by Caleb Casey

Spike's Challenge C-2 racers finish the short sprint to Ray's Canoe Livery and head towards the finish line at McMaster's Bridge.

be paired with Denis Berthiaume of Provost, Quebec, in a bid to upset Kolka and Corbin, the heavily favored returning champs. This will be the first AuSable Marathon for Berthiaume; Torongo, a savvy AuSable Marathon veteran who has several 2nd place Marathon finishes, is gunning for his first victory in North America's premier canoe race.

Third place [2:46.35] at the Spike's Challenge went to the 1999 AuSable Marathon third place finishers: Ted Kolka, 34 of Grayling

and Tim Valko, 31, of Pinckney. Ted Kolka is Marathon champ/favorite Jeff Kolka's younger brother.

A father-son team, the 2nd place finishers at last year's AuSable Marathon, took fourth place. Ken Kolonich, 54, of Eaton Rapids and Steve Kolonich, 28, of East Lansing, finished in 2:47.28.

Rounding out the top five finishers were two young local paddlers who surprised some race observers with their strong performance. Mo Harwood, 21, and Erich Podjaske,

18, both of Grayling, finished in 2:49.48 edging out by nine seconds the sixth place finishers, Steve Watson, 28, of Onaway and Al Shaver, 33, of Meridale, New York.

Nick D'Amour, 16, and Pete Mead, 19, both of Grayling, were first in the Amateur Division, thereby winning the Michigan Canoe Racing Association's Amateur State Championship. Kimble Wright, of Tecumseh and Doug Gillin, 41, of Adrian, were

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See "MARATHON..."

Gonzorama Music Festival to be held on August 12

► Hanson Hills to host 2nd annual concert event; four bands to perform

Grayling's Gonzorama Music Festival is back! The 2nd annual concert event at Hanson Hills will be held on Saturday, August 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's pop, rock and funk music festival has gone a step further to introduce northern Michigan to the ska/punk music of Mustard Plug, "Grand Rapids, Michigan's most happenin' band," according to Darren Edwards of Hopeless Records.

Mustard Plug, this year's headliner, has released its third full length CD, titled *Pray for Mojo*. With mixes of melody, horn-supplied ska, and the perfect amount of punk, songs like "Someday, Right Now!" and "We're gonna take on the World" undoubtedly encourage body movement. The band has also played with such bands as Face To Face and Less Than Jake.

Sharing the Gonzorama stage with Mustard Plug will be The Rev. Right-time & the 1st Cuzins of Funk from Flint, Michigan. Best described as "George Clinton meets the Red Hot Chili Peppers," this eight-piece funk/blues band has received national exposure, performing their original song "Superfly" on the Jenny Jones Show. The Rev., which will be the opening act at Gonzorama, has also played with the "Godfather of Funk," George Clinton.

Electric Violet of Gaylord will be sharing center stage with The Rev. and Mustard Plug. Described by guitarist Leo Dombecki as a "soulful, funky jam band with angelic vocals," Electric Violet's CD *Kind*

has received great reviews. According to Northern Express, "The CD is a pleasant blend of funk, soul, jazz, pop, and world-beat." Recently formed in February of 1999, the very soulful Electric Violet is now sending positive vibes all over northern Michigan.

Mix up jazz, rock, funk, and a hint of blues and Liquid Courage spins to mind. Skilled musicians of improv, Liquid Courage of Traverse City entertains with sophisticated free-flowing jams. This band sets the groove.

Last year's Gonzorama with headliner Knee Deep Shag took Gonzorama one step further, from backyard bash to unique music festival. Hanson Hills, one of the only venues in northern Michigan to promote this genre of music, hopes to pull in more attendees at this year's event. Last year's 250+ ticket buyers helped establish the legitimacy of the event. Grayling Recreation Authority Program Director Jessica McClain hopes to double attendance at this year's concert.

"We've taken great pains to book the highest quality bands possible at this time. Both Mustard Plug and the Rev. Right-time & the 1st Cuzins of Funk are very popular regional acts and have received quite a bit of air time on alternative stations downstate. Electric Violet and Liquid Courage are both relatively young bands and I expect to hear much more about them in the future," said McClain.

Gonzorama tickets may be purchased in advance at Hanson Hills for \$14, or on the day of the event for \$17. Proceeds from the event will go to next year's concert. For more information, or to purchase tickets over the phone, call (888) 876-2196. Web users can find out **Continued on Page 10B**

See "GONZORAMA..."



The band was Sneaky Peat and the tunes were smooth. Sneaky Peat performed two nights at the 2000 Crawford County Fair, playing country, oldies and honoring requests.



This group was just getting ready for a spinning ride on the Tilt-O-Whirl. The fair also featured challenging games.

The Crawford County Fair

► Annual event features a wide variety of activities for people of all ages



Photos by Cheryl Rulley

Kermit was a prize winner in the 4-H competition. Many people stopped in the 4-H Exhibit Buildings to take a look at this year's entries.



ABHC barrel horse racing was featured at the Crawford County Fair, causing a lot of exciting moments and a lot of dust.



Chicks and ducklings were a favorite at the 4-H building. These little babies just finished eating and were hard at work adjusting their new feathers.



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AuSable Marathon: It's almost here

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Marathon was an ultra-endurance event long before ultra-endurance became "cool." The two-person teams must portage six hydroelectric dams plus battle the darkness, the river's natural obstructions, the weather and the sheer exhaustion brought on by paddling their lightweight hi-tech kevlar or carbon-fiber canoes at a torrid pace of 50 to 80 strokes per minutes non-stop throughout the 14 to 19 hour race. They receive no assistance except food, drink and, perhaps, a dry shirt passed to them by their "feeders" or "bankrunners" at points along the course.

"Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe marathon fans are treated to the highest level or marathon canoe racing competition in North America," said Joe Wakeley, a long-time member of the all-volunteer non-profit organizing committee that stages the race. Few would dispute his assessment; it is extremely tough to break into the marathon's top 10. The already daunting task is even tougher for teams from outside the AuSable River region, who must paddle the unfamiliar twisting upper course through the night.

THIS YEAR the teams will also be battling relatively low water conditions throughout the length of the AuSable and there will be no moonlight to aid them during the overnight portion of the race. There seems to be little chance that the Marathon's all-time record of 13:58.08 (13 hours, 58 minutes, 8 seconds) is in jeopardy of being broken this year. Quebec's Serge Corbin, 43, a 13-time AuSable winner, set the mark with Saskatchewan's Solomon Carriere in 1994. Corbin is teamed with a local favorite, Jeff Kolka, 41, of Grayling, as the pair attempts an unprecedented fifth consecutive victory on the tough AuSable course. Kolka and Corbin respect their opponents' strengths, but remain quietly confident.

"Neither of us wants to lose. We don't work hard for nothing," said Corbin.

THERE IS A full schedule of events on tap during the week leading up to the Marathon and into race weekend both in Grayling, where the marathon will start on Saturday night, July 29, and also in Oscoda, where the lead team will cross the finish line around 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 30. Festivities in Grayling include: an arts and crafts fair, the AuSable River 10K Run, a classic car show, a chicken BBQ, a street dance Saturday night, youth canoe races, the renowned AuSable River Festival Parade at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon and more!

A Marathon Tent Party, including entertainment, food and refreshments is planned Friday through Sunday at the finish line in Oscoda. For more information about AuSable Festival activities in Grayling and Oscoda, contact:

Grayling Area Visitors Council at (517) 348-2921, 1-800-937-8837, or www.grayling-mi.com

Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce at (517) 739-7322, 1-800-235-4625 or www.oscoda.com

RACING ACTION gets underway at Penrod's Resort (Maple Street Bridge in Grayling) with the AuSable Marathon Sprints for Position on Thursday, July 27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, July 28 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The sprints are much like "Indy 500" qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course, their lap time determines their starting row position for the Lemans style run to the river on Saturday. The Official Canoe Measuring and Pre-Race Contestants' Briefing takes place on the lawn at Citizens Bank in uptown Grayling from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 29.

The AuSable marathon pre-race program at Ray's Canoe Livery, on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. More than 65 teams are expected to line up for the start of the \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon at 9 p.m. The winning team is expected to reach the finish line in Oscoda at the Mill Street Bridge near U.S. 23, at about 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 30.

Thousands of spectators will travel to one or more viewing points (bridges, public access points, road ends or dam portages) to cheer on the paddlers. Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon spectator guides are available in both the Grayling and Oscoda area during race week; they contain maps, viewing hints, entry lists, contestant biographical sketches and much more. Some hints for those who may travel to one or more location along the course to cheer on the paddlers:

- You don't have to rush! The race is 14 to 18 hours long. Take the time to wait and cheer on the teams battling for positions back in the pack; you can always catch up to the front of the pack to check on the lead teams.

- To avoid traffic congestion at the viewing locations, plan to arrive early. It is best to arrive 45 to 90 minutes ahead of the estimated times posted for the leading teams' arrival. Stay at each viewing location until many of the teams have

Important note:

Bridges to close during Marathon

In cooperation with the Road Commission for Crawford County and the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Stephan, Wakeley and McMaster's Bridges will be closed to vehicle traffic during the Marathon Canoe Race. Roads will be re-opened by the Sheriff's Department at their discretion.

passed through and most of the crowd of spectators has moved on.

- Don't forget the essentials for a long (overnight) outing; snacks, thermos of coffee, flashlight, binoculars, warm clothes, blanket, rainwear, hat, sunglasses and good area maps.

- Regular race updates are carried by several northern Michigan radio stations, Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon Official Media Sponsors including: Gannon Broadcasting WGRY 100.3/WQON 101.1; WCLA 100.7; WHST 106.1; WUPS 98.5

THE AUSABLE Marathon Organizing Committee emphasizes the following safety and logistical considerations for all race fans:

- Due to construction, the Mio Dam and spillway will be closed to spectators.

- In Crawford County - Stephan, Wakeley and McMaster's bridges will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the race.

- In Oscoda County - Parmelee Bridge will be closed to spectators and open to vehicle traffic only. If you are viewing the race from this location there are good sites along the campground on the north side or the public access site on the south.

- 4001 Bridge - U.S. Forest Service may be issuing tickets for parking in the lot at the boat launch site.

- Alcona Dam - only feeders and officials will be allowed into the portage area parking lot. Spectators should park in the field in the north side of the river and walk across the bridge to the portage.

- Loud Dam - There will be parking for spectators only on one side of the road leading into the dam. This will make it safer for people who are walking to view the portage. Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the parking lot.

THE AMERICAN Canoe Association (ACA) sanctions the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The ACA's mission is to promote canoeing, kayaking and other paddle sports as safe and enjoyable lifetime recreational activities, while working to protect and preserve the recreational waterways on which those activities depend. For more information about ACA, contact the national office at: American Canoe Association; 7432 Alban Station Blvd, Suite B-226; Springfield, VA 22150 or phone (703) 451-0141; or www.acanet.org

Extensive information including entry lists, photographs and frequently updated race results for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is available on the worldwide web at:

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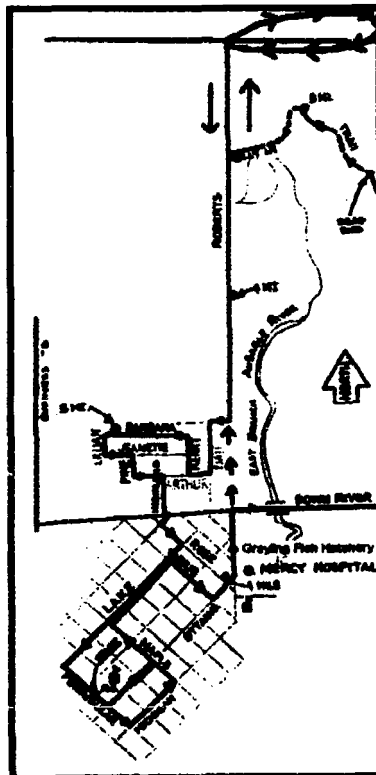
Time & Location: Race begins at 9:00am. Start and Finish at the Grayling Middle School located on 500 Spruce street.

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Marathon favorites win warm-up race

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the second place amateur finishers: Sean Casey, 22, and Lee Barnett, 19, both of Grayling, took third in the Amateur Division.

These teams will be among the record field of more than 65 teams battling at the \$50,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, which starts in Grayling at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. The winners reach the finish line in Oscoda -- 120 miles, 50,000 paddle strokes and over 14 hours later -- at about 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 30.

The pre-race program gets underway at Ray's Canoe Livery, on the I-75 Business Loop in Grayling, at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe marathon competitive action kicks off with the Sprints for Position, on the AuSable at Penrod's Resort in Grayling on Thursday and Friday afternoon, July 27-28. The sprints are much like "Indy 500" pole-position qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course, their lap time determines their starting

row position for the spine-tingling LeMans style run to the river that starts the Marathon on Saturday night.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's "AuSable River Festival," featuring a host of events throughout Marathon week. The River Festival recognizes the unique importance of the AuSable River to these northern Michigan communities.

For more information about the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe marathon and festivals, or for information about tourism and recreational opportunities in the AuSable River valley area, contact:

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<http://www.oscoda.com>. Extensive information, photographs, course maps and frequently updated race results for the

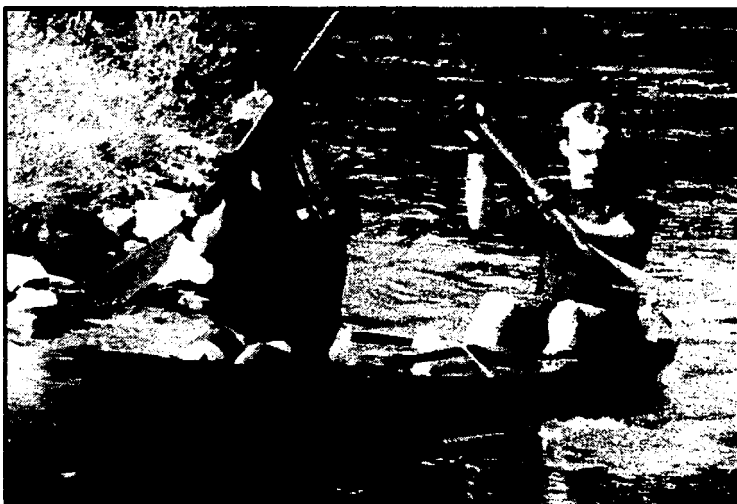
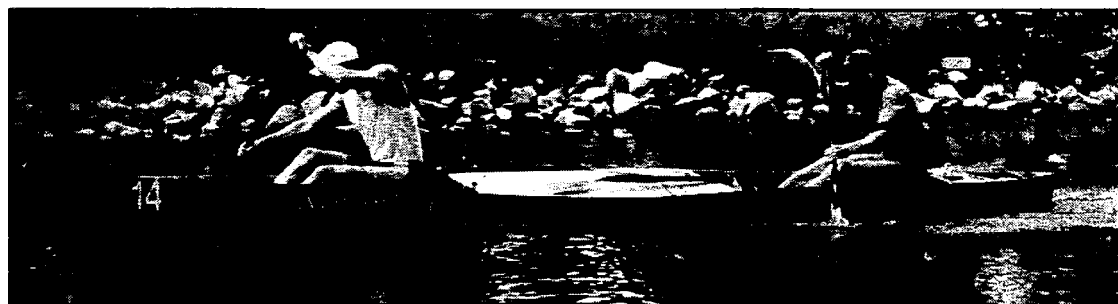


Photo by Caleb Casey

The father/son team of Ken Kolonich and Steve Kolonich finish 4th at the Spike's Challenge C-2 Expert Division race. The race went from Ray's to McMasters Bridge. For a complete list of Spike's Challenge results, see Page 4B.

Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon are available on the world-wide web at: <http://www.ausablecanoe-marathon.org>



Bill Torongo and Calvin Hassel were the second team to arrive at McMasters during the Spike's Challenge on Sunday. They finished four minutes behind the winners.

Harry Curley Canoe Race held in Oscoda

► Several local racers paddle in Oscoda canoe race

Oscoda's Harry Curley Memorial Canoe Race, held on the weekend of July 15 and 16, featured several local paddlers and AuSable Marathon participants. Here are the race results for the Harry Curley C-2 Expert Class and C-2 Amateur Class:

C-2 EXPERT CLASS

1. Bruce Barton/Jeff Kolka 2:32:17
2. John Sullivan/Steve Watson 2:32:53
3. Ken Kolonich/Steve Kolonich 2:33:43
4. Rick Joy/Jacob DuBois 2:35:12
5. Clark Kent/Mike Bradford 2:35:26
6. Tim Triebold/Matthew Rimer 2:35:41
7. Tim Valko/Ted Kolka 2:35:54
8. Ray Yehl/Jeff Kassuba 2:37:02
9. Dan Klinkhamer/Bill DuBois 2:37:53
10. Bill Torongo/Steve Landick

11. Dragan Olajdzija/Jon Webb 2:38:33
12. Ed Lazar/Dwight Walker 2:38:46
13. Mo Harwood/Erich Podjaske 2:40:12
14. Kevin Curley/Dan Gary 2:40:26
15. Ted Smutek/Joe Seifert 2:40:41
16. Mark Bialek/Bill Fick 2:41:09
17. Tom Cannon/Connie Cannon 2:41:40
18. Mark Rimer/Tom Trudgeon 2:43:11
19. Bob Bradford/John Nemeth 2:43:13
20. Tom Mills/Fred Mills 2:43:30
21. Joe Pollock/Al Widing Sr. 2:46:46
22. Mike Hartman/Scott VanDeVen 2:48:02
23. Chuck Hewitt/Bernie Tuszyński 2:48:07
24. Brad Wilson/Colin Hunter 2:48:24
25. Amy Solak/Frank Smutek 2:48:25
26. Dave Sabin/Dave Teddy 2:48:41

27. Dale Newton/Ray Quick 2:49:02
28. Doug VanMeter/Roxanne Barton 2:49:12
29. Dwayne Barnes/Brian Krantz 2:49:27
30. Doug Dalton/Mike Garon 2:51:48
31. Chad Swander/Connie Swander 2:53:56
32. Karen Levitt/Lynne Witte 2:54:49
33. Ray Wonders/Rick Sika 3:00:51
34. Rosanne Bowman/Sara Cockrell 3:36:05

C-2 AMATEUR CLASS

1. Kimble Wright/Doug Gillin 2:45:22
2. Pete Mead/Nick D'Amour 2:46:54
3. Rusty Argue/Bob Donaldson 2:54:41
4. Lee Barnett/Sean Casey 2:55:30
5. Sheilagh McNeil/Stam Anusiewicz 2:57:37
6. Matt Smith/Bobby Stockton 2:59:04
7. Alfred Borchers/Kevin Jansen 3:00:52

Horseshoe tourney held during Fair

Results of the Tom Trenary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament 2000, held during the Crawford County Fair last week, are as follows:

Mens Division -- 1st place: Ed Harris, Grayling, Steve Dutton, Grayling; 2nd place: Brad Trenary, Grayling, Glen Warmuskerken, Walkerville;

Womens Division -- 1st place:

Jean Warmuskerken, Walkerville, Betty Shoup, Walkerville; 2nd place: Lisa LaMotte-Kreger, Gaylord, Kim Lobsinger, Columbiaville;

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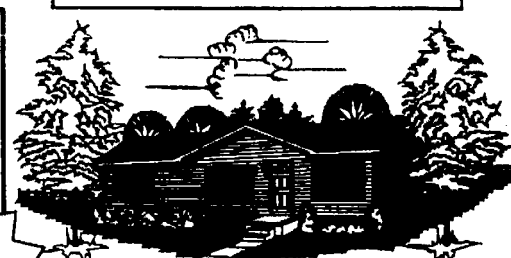
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Spike's Challenge Paddler's Tribute Race C-2 canoe race final results

Pro Division	
1. Jeff Kolka/Serge Corbin - 2:40.20	17. Kevin Curley/Dan Gray - 3:01.36
2. Calvin Hassel/Bill Torongo - 2:44.26	18. Joe Shaw/Joe Seifert - 3:02.13
3. Tim Valko/Ted Kolka - 2:46.35	19. Ray Yehl/Connie Cannon - 3:03.32
4. Ken Kolonich/Steve Kolonich - 2:47.28	20. Bob Bradford/John Nemeth - 3:03.57
5. Mo Harwood/Erich Podjaske - 2:49.48	21. Jason Hall/Dick Plumlee - 3:04.02
6. Al Shaver/Steve Watson - 2:49.57	22. Dwayne Barnes/Brian Krantz - 3:04.35
7. Tim Triebold/Mathew Rimer - 2:50.42	23. Joe Pollock/Al Widing Sr. - 3:05.11
8. Clark Kent/Mike Bradford - 2:52.41	24. Nick Lyesluk/Peter Heed - 3:05.35
9. Bruce Barton/Solomon Carriere - 2:52.49	25. Mike Packard/Lori Roseboom - 3:07.21
10. Dan Klinkhamer/Bill DuBois - 2:55.18	26. Brad Wilson/Colin Hunter - 3:08.02
11. Ray Quick/Rick Joy - 2:55.42	27. Tom Mills/Fred Mills - 3:08.29
12. Tom Cannon/Jacob DuBois - 2:57.02	28. Jim Corlew/Steve Corlew - 3:09.42
13. Richard LaJoie/Steve LaJoie - 2:58.30	29. Chuck Hewitt/Bernie Tuszynski - 3:10.52
14. Dragan Olajdzija/Jon Webb - 2:59.41	30. Mark Rimer/Tom Trudgeon - 3:11.31
15. Mark Bialek/Bill Fick - 3:01.27	31. Ted Smutek/Kathy Manizza - 3:12.04
16. Ed Lazar/Dwight Walker - 3:01.36	



Tim Valko and Ted Kolka finished third.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Mo Harwood and Erich Podjaske were the fifth team to cross the Spike's Challenge finish line at McManisters.

32. Amy Solak/Frank Smutek - 3:12.38	45. Tricia Heed/Tom Warner - 3:26.13
33. Mike Hartman/Scott VanDeVen - 3:13.28	46. Doug Grosso/Al Duckworth - 3:35.22
34. Dave Sabin/Dave Teddy - 3:14.13	47. Ray Wonders/Rick Sika - 3:46.03
35. Brenda Carlson/Charlie Lannen - 3:14.32	48. Andy Hague/P.C. Randolph - 3:51.34
36. Abby Kingman/Lisa Salvini - 3:15.24	49. Sara Cockrell/Kenny Larkin - 3:52.07
37. Jeff DeFeo/Lori Martin - 3:15.49	
38. Karen Levitt/Lynne Witte - 3:16.04	
39. LeRoy LeVigne/Jerry Killingbeck - 3:16.21	
40. Steve Seager/John Lucey - 3:16.41	
41. Chad Swander/Connie Swander - 3:17.36	
42. Doug Dalton/Mike Garon - 3:20.32	
43. Bob Smith/Jason Snell - 3:23.42	
44. Don Brooks/Todd VanDeVen - 3:25.58	

Amateur Division

1. Nick D'Amour/Pete Mead - 3:07.49	2. Kimble Wright/Doug Gillin - 3:11.06
3. Sean Casey/Lee Barnett - 3:15.44	4. Ray Bauer/Tom Bauer - 3:24.27
5. Robert Stockton III/Matt Smith - 3:25.09	6. Alfred Borchers/Kevin Jansen - 3:25.15
7. Rusty Argue/Bob Donaldson - 3:28.41	

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FISHING REPORT

LAKES: Walleye fishing has been very good on Lake Margrethe, with anglers averaging 2-3 catches per trip. Best fishing times for walleye are: daylight to 9-10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight-1 a.m. Try still drifting with leeches or crawlers, trolling with crawler harnesses, or jigging with minnows.

Smallmouth bass fishing has been decent at basically all hours of the day. Try drifting or slow trolling with crawlers, leeches, grubs, or rubber worms. Pike fishing has been moderate. Try drifting with sucker minnows using a slip bobber. Anglers have been catching a few perch in the west bay using perch minnows or tear drops.

Manistee Lake has been good for catching blue gill and crappie, and

Houghton Lake has been decent for blue gill and walleye. On Houghton Lake, try fishing the edges of the weed beds with a leech and slip bobber.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

RIVERS: If temperatures stay cool like last week, conditions will be good for blue winged olives. Cool, damp conditions are perfect for the olives, which are currently hatching.

In warmer temperatures, terrestrials should be effective. Try ants, beetles, bees, hoppers, or other terrestrial patterns.

Cahills and a few mahoganies may be hatching in the evening. Try a large orange caddis pattern at night to take advantage of the late evening and early morning hatches.

Streamer fishing has been good in the morning and late evening. Use sculpin or muddler patterns, or something flashier and more reflective if it's sunny.

For more information regarding current hatches and river conditions, call The Fly Factory's 24-hour "hatchline" at (517) 348-7108, or visit: www.troutbums.com

(Information courtesy of The Fly Factory.)

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

On Wednesday, July 19, we started our round with very cold weather, but the sun came out and it really turned out to be one of our better golf days.

Again this week, Connie Gates had a low net of 31 while Treva McClanahan had low putts of 14 in Flight A.

In Flight B, Lynda Hetrick had a low net of 27 and there was a tie for low putts of 15 between Mary Hamblin and JoAnn Michal.

In Flight C, Diane Doremire had a low net of 31 and Jane Haller had low putts of 17.

In Flight D, Evie Kent had a low net of 32 and Sue Brenner had low putts of 13.

There were two chip-ins today: Nadine Korth on #14 and Treva McClanahan on #16. There were

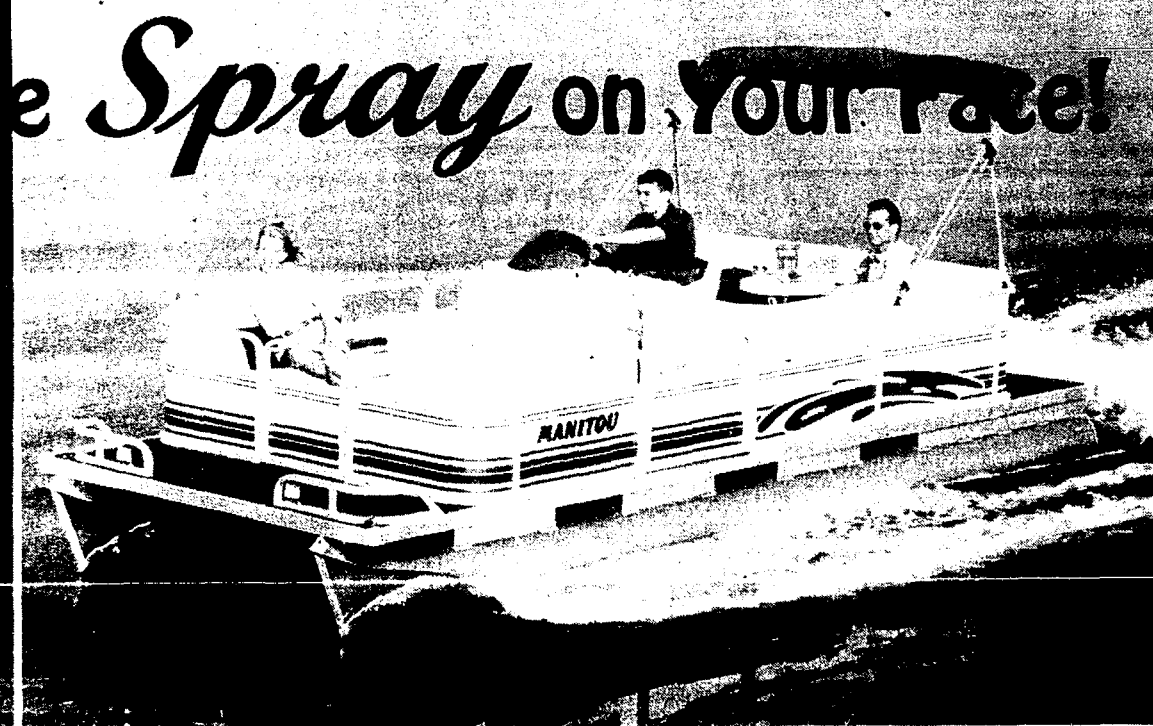
also two birdies today: one by Connie Gates on #12 and Nadine Korth on #13.

The golf "shoe covers" were worn this week by Lynda Hetrick for the longest putt on #18. I would say these gals thrive on cooler weather.

This year's nominating committee is comprised of Past President Sally McNamara, Sherry Hanson, and Donna Thomson. We are busily preparing a slate of officers for the upcoming vote at our next business meeting. The terms of two board members and two golf committee members are up.

We had a lunch today of cornish hens, salad and dessert and late: quite a few of us went back to play another nine holes. It was just too nice of a day for cooking or cleaning, but I don't mind slaving over a "hot" iron.

That's all "fore" now.



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Pageants highlight of Crawford Fair



Miss Teen 2000 - Chelsea Green; 1st Runner-up - Stacey Brown; 2nd Runner-up - Shayla Moore; Finalist - Nicole Starr. The Talent Award went to Chelsea Green and Nicole Starr was named Miss Congeniality.



Miss Pre-Teen 2000 - Jaimi Drudge; 1st Runner-up - Mara Lapard; 2nd Runner-up - Danielle Lighthall; Finalists - Nikki Cook, Betty Jean Sorenson and Amber Palmer. Both Talent Award and Miss Congeniality went to Jaimi Drudge.



Little Miss 2000 - Alyssa Lewis; 1st Runner-up - Danielle Stockmeyer; 2nd Runner-up (tie) Tiffany Howe and Emily Miljure; Finalists - Ciara Summers, Kaitlin Hannum, Mollie Coe and Jessica Sorenson. Both the Talent Award and Miss Congeniality went to Alyssa Lewis. Also shown is Little Miss 1999 Kelsey Gilbert.



Miss Tiny Tot 2000 - Raven Spicer; 1st Runner-up - Sydnee Sheldon; 2nd Runner-up - Renee Spicer; Finalist - Rachael Nisch. Both the Talent Award and Miss Congeniality went to Raven Spicer.

Nineteen cuties enter baby photo contest



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Master Teeny Tiny Tot 2000 (18-35 mos.) - Xavier McRath; Miss Teeny Tiny Tot 2000 (18-35 mos.) - Chrissy Bonamie; Master Teeny Tiny Tot 2000 (0-17 mos.) - Reece Ferrigan; and Miss Teeny Tiny Tot 2000 (0-17 mos.) - Paige Scheer.



Jocelyn Hartley



Korrin Pease



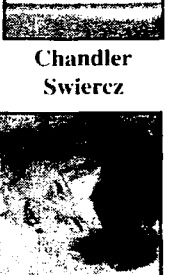
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Charles Nickleson



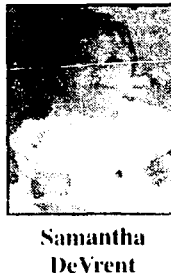
Gabrielle Larm



The Master and Miss Teeny Tiny Tot photo contest drew 19 cute, adorable, huggable and precious entries. We just couldn't resist sharing them all with our readers. The photos are in no particular order. Enjoy ... They are all so beautiful!



Maddi Papendick-Gauthier



Samantha DeVrent



Peri Scheer



Gary Pease III



Jacob McRath



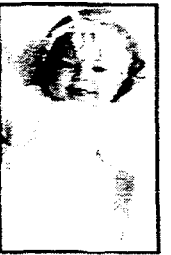
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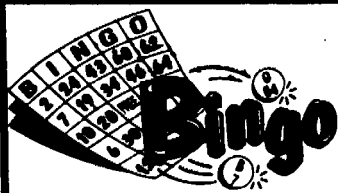
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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynnette Corlew, at 9:36 a.m. in the County Building on June 21, 2000.

Roll Call: Beardslee, Corlew, Wieland, Goltick, Hanson and Beardslee.

Absent: Pinkelman.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo - County Controller - Present.

Others were present at various times.

—Approved Board Minutes of the May 11, 2000 Special Board Meeting.

—Approved Board Minutes of the May 17, 2000 Regular Board Meeting.

—Approved Board Minutes of the June 15, 2000 Special Board Meeting.

—Approved Board Agenda as presented.

—Moved to allow Commissioners wishing to attend the 2000 Michigan Association of Counties Annual Summer Conference at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan August 20-22, 2000 be reimbursed the registration fee - \$225.00, lodging - \$60.00 to \$99.00 per night, and expenses - travel and meals not covered by the registration.

—Approved to accept the bid from ISC, Inc./Computerland of Harbor Springs, MI for maintenance on the new AS-400 installed by

JMS for five years in the amount of \$6,214.78.

—Approved to authorize Commissioners Pinkelman and Hanson draft a resolution supporting a Veteran's Cemetery being located in Crawford County. Crawford County would be an appropriate location as it has been the home of Camp Grayling and Military Training since the early 1900's.

—Approved to prepare a Resolution supporting Family Independent Agency's Project Zero Kick Off of June 28, 2000.

—Moved to have the proposed property lease (a portion of the old fish hatchery property) returned to Grayling Township with the changes suggested by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney David Sabin.

—Approved to adopt the General Fund Budget Amendments.

—Approved payment of the Following Claims: General Fund - mileage and per diem for Duran, per diem for Merrill, mileage for Bassett, Wakeley, Callewaert & Valentin, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the June 12, 2000 report provided the County must pay the Court Appointed Counsel (1,128.10) in the amount of \$289,993.68; D.A.R.E. Fund - prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the June 12, 2000 report in the amount of \$3,529.98; Environmental Control Fund - mileage for Merrill, prepaid voucher, payroll and open invoices on the June 12, 2000 report in the amount of \$33,467.01; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the June 12, 2000 report in the amount of \$11,298.35.

Commissioner Corlew disclosed one of the vendors was related to her.

—Moved to allow Chairperson Corlew to vote on the invoices and recognize a potential conflict.

—Moved to accept correspondence as submitted.

—Approved to request the Sheriff refer to his Capitol Outlay FY2001 line item during the budget cycle for the purchase of Jail Security Camera's.

—Moved to adopt a Resolution of support for the Family Independence Agency Project Zero Landmark Reform Welfare Program as submitted by Chairperson Corlew.

—Moved to adopt a Resolution of support for a three year agreement with the 46th Circuit Court. FY2001 percentage contributions are as follows:

Crawford County, 24% of the Total Budget
 Kalkaska County, 32% of the Total Budget
 Otsego County, 44% of the Total Budget

—Moved to authorize the Planning and Zoning to purchase three (3) Master Planning Guide Books at \$35.00 each from the Zoning department line item.

—Approved to adopt a Resolution requesting the Michigan State Legislature place the State Veterans Cemetery in Crawford County. A large percentage of our

residents are current or former members of the Michigan National Guard and Crawford County has been the home of the National Guard since 1914.

—Approved to accept the resignation of GRA Board Member Rev. Paul Boerger effective 5-15-00 with regrets.

—Moved to authorize the Controller to obtain a cost analysis for MERS Actuarial for Department heads to receive the B-3 Retirement Plan.

—Approved to appoint Barbara Selesky to the Commission on Aging for a term ending June 30, 2004.

—Approved to appoint Jack Mahank to the Commission on Aging for a term ending June 30, 2004.

—Approved to appoint Gary McConnell to the Grayling Recreation Authority for the appropriate term.

—Moved to amend the agenda to allow Dixie Lobsinger to address the Board on the Animal Control Ordinance.

—Approved to enter into the Fish Hatchery Property Lease Agreement (part of the old Fish Hatchery Property) with Grayling Township contingent on legal counsel correcting the term of the lease to twenty five (25) years, with incremental renewals every fifteen (15) years, said renewal clause to be exercised six (6) months prior to expiration. Item 13 two sentences deleted referencing insurance coverage, and to delete item 20.

—Approved to establish two Animal Control Ordinance Public Hearings on Wednesday, July 12, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
 Clerk/Register of Deeds

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages made by DEANNA J. ANGOVE, f/k/a Deanna J. Kormiller, of 6553 Nottingham Drive, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgages being dated November 24, 1993 and recorded November 24, 1993 in Liber 369 in Crawford County Records on Pages 313, 314, 315 and 316 and dated May 26, 1994 and recorded May 26, 1994 in Liber 378 in Crawford County Records on Pages 63, 64, 65 and 66, such Mortgages being given to secure Promissory Notes payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgages due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgages there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR AND 90/100 (\$67,834.90) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgages had become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgages will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises there-in described or so much thereof as may be

necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of August, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgages together with 6.5% interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgages are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Davenport's Pine Acres, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 42, Crawford County Records.

Subject to building restrictions and other provisions but omitting restrictions, if any, based on race, color, religion or national origin as contained in the instrument dated 1/13/74, recorded in Liber 124, pages 346-348, Crawford County Records.

Further subject to a 10-foot utility easement along the North and East sides of subject property as designated on the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 42, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: July 19, 2000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development) United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Michael J. Conlon (P43954)
 Running, Wise, Ford & Phillips, P.L.C.
 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
 Traverse City, MI 49685-0686
 (231) 946-2700

-27-3-10-17

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian M. Urick, a married man (original mortgagor) to Amerifirst Financial Corp., Mortgagee, dated July 30, 1993, and recorded on August 2, 1993 in Liber 363 on Page 289, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. f/k/a Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated June 20, 1996, which was recorded on September 27, 1996 in Liber 418, on Page 91, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 85/100 dollars (\$46,735.85), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 23, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The West 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 29, Town 28 North, Range 2 West Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 13, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1309
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File #200017945
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-13-20-27-3

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by **RICHARD KAHN**, an unmarried man, and **JILL A. JOHNSON**, an unmarried woman, (now husband and wife), of 205 N. Park Dr., Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to Empire National Bank of Traverse City, a national banking association of 1227 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan, 49686, now known as Huntington National Bank, dated October 24, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on October 25, 1995, at Liber 402, Pages 118-125, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$75,604.61; and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 23, 2000, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9% per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Huntington National Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, described as:

Lot 42, NORTH PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 64, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 205 N. Park Dr., Grayling, Michigan, 49738.

The redemption period as provided by law is six 6 month(s) from the date of the sale.

Dated: July 10, 2000

HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK
 F/K/A EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK
 OF TRAVERSE CITY, Mortgagee

SMITH & JOHNSON, ATTORNEYS,
 P.C.

By: H. Wendell Johnson (P24247)
 Attorney for Mortgagee
 603 Bay Street - P.O. Box 705
 Traverse City, MI 49685-0705
 (231) 946-0700

-20-27-3-10-17

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

To All Qualified Electors of Crawford County:

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2000 for the purpose of nominating candidates by Republican or Democratic Party Preference and voting on County and Township Proposals for the following:

State Senator
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 Prosecuting Attorney
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 County Treasurer
 Road Commissioner
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 Township Supervisor
 Township Clerk
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 Township Trustees
 Township Constable
 Delegates to the County Convention
 E 911 Emergency Service Proposal
 Library Bond Proposal
 Maple Forest Millage Proposal

The polls of said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2000.

Voting Precinct Locations:

101 Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8992 S. Oak Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653
 201 Frederic Twp. Library, Old 27 N. Frederic, MI 49733
 301 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
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 304 Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738
 401 Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic, MI 49733
 501 Maple Forest Twp., 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
 601 South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653
 701 Grayling City Office, Grayling Middle School, 500 Spruce St., Grayling, MI 49738

Sandra Moore
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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KIRK M. CONNELL AND TAMMY CONNELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE to TMS MORTGAGE INC., DBA THE MONEY STORE, NEW JERSEY Mortgagee, dated June 25, 1998, and recorded on September 28, 1998, in Liber 464, on page 23, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by MESNE assignment to THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF 2/28/98, SERIES 1998-A by an assignment dated February 17, 2000, and recorded on April 7, 2000, in Liber 505, on page 25, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty four thousand five hundred seventy four and 38/100 Dollars (\$54,574.38), including interest at 10.750% per adjustable rate rider.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM, on August 9, 2000.

Said premises are situated in the TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan, and are described as:

The land referred to in this commitment is situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and is described as follows:

Township of Grayling
Parcel 1: The North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West: Together with right of ingress and egress from Highway M-72 over a strip of land 66 feet wide, lying 33 feet on each side of the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West: Together with a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over the South 66 feet of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, and Together with the right of ingress and egress over the East 33 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 7, and together with and subject to a right of way for purposes of ingress and egress over the East 33 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, and Together with right of ingress and egress over the West 33 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and the West 33 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.
Parcel 2: The South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 6, 2000

THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND ASSIGNMENT OF Mortgagee
ATTORNEY FOR: Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616

-6-13-20-27

SYNOPSIS GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD Regular Meeting July 12, 2000

Members Present: Janice Annis, Tom Hall, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.
Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara.
Others Present: Bob Flankbeiner, Gary Bofysil, Charlie Dugas, Ronald Dube, Wayne Nelson, Timothy Coe, Randy Herman.
Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve minutes of 6-14-00 as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for June 2000 was read and placed on file.
No correspondence on file.
Business:

1. Randy Herman, Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. D.A.R.E. Program Director, gave a presentation of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program provided to the Crawford AuSable School District and

other local organizations.

2. Several Lake Margrethe residents in attendance asked that the fence (gate) at Summit Ave. be removed because it appears unfriendly and intimidating. Supervisor commented that it was removed before winter but has since been replaced by the Road Commission.

3. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, that this Board adopt a resolution requesting the Michigan State Legislature place the State Veterans Cemetery in Crawford County. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to table the Kneff property clean-up decision until Board members have an opportunity to view the property. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to appoint Mickey Perez as Grayling Township Auditor for 00-01 and Monte Burnmeister as Grayling Township Attorney for 00-01 Fiscal Year. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, that the 2000-01 Township Board meeting dates be the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall unless they conflict with a legal holiday or election. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to authorize treasurer to use any or all local depositories for Township funds during FY 2000-01. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

8. Reviewed Crawford County's emergency dispatch ballot proposal which will be voted on August 8, 2000.

9. Motion by Annis, second by Hall, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 21748 through 21780 and Guardian automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$86,347.54. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

10. Motion to adjourn by Ashton, carried.
Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by David W. Volkenborn and Sarah Volkenborn, husband and wife, to First National Bank of America, f/k/a First National Bank of Michigan, dated December 17, 1997 and recorded on December 19, 1997 in Liber 443, page 483, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$21,936.89.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 9, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 17.95 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel A: The South 475.2 feet of the West 550.0 feet of the East 930.0 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Subject to: the use of a 20 foot easement for ingress and egress along the Westerly 20 feet of the South 475.2 feet of the West 550.0 feet of the East 930.0 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; however if the property is abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: June 27, 2000
Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
(517) 337-1617

-6-13-20-27

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paula L. Phillips (Original Mortgagor), Mary Cole (Present Owner), to United States

of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee, dated July 20, 1995 and recorded July 20, 1995 in Liber 397, Page 190, Crawford County Records and a mortgage from Mary Cole to the United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture dated March 4, 1996 and recorded on March 6, 1996 in Liber 408, Page 186 of Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Nine and 89/100 Dollars (\$73,359.89) including interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on September 6, 2000.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 11, Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: July 27, 2000
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for United States of America, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture,
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 211.0007

-27-3-10-17-24

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Louis N. Pearson, Ursel L. Pearson, husband and wife, and Elizabeth M. Pearson, a single woman (original mortgagors) to Tamer Mortgage Company, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 12, 1996, and recorded on January 23, 1996 in Liber 406 on Page 198, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and re-recorded on March 6, 1996 in Liber 408, Page 190, Crawford County Records and was assigned by mesne assignments to Equivantage Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated April 5, 2000, which was recorded on May 17, 2000, in Liber 508, on Page 194, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 24/100 dollars (\$54,514.24), including interest at 11.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 30, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE FOREST, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of Section 21, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commencing at the Southeast Corner of Section 21, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Thence due West along the South Section Line, 1403.38 feet for a point of beginning, thence continuing due West 700.00 feet; thence due North 311.14 feet; thence due East 700.00 feet; thence due South 311.14 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 20, 2000

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100

Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200011434
Dolphins

-20-27-3-10-17

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Adams and Crystal G. Adams, his wife, dated October 1, 1997, and recorded on October 20, 1999, in Liber 493, on pages 326-328 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY AND 76/100 (\$16,230.76) DOLLARS including interest at nine (9%) percent together with foreclosure costs, attorney fees and any taxes and/or insurance that the mortgage holders pay before the sale.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at 10:00 a.m. on August 23, 2000 at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford. Said premises are situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

LOTS EIGHT (8) & NINE (9) Warblers Hideaway the Plat of which is recorded at Liber 2, Page 12, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; however if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from date of sale.

Dated: July 20, 2000
ROBERT E. DEVOS
DOROTHY DEVOS
5665 Old Six Twelve
Grayling, MI 49738

-20-27-3-10

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD, Plaintiffs,
File No: 99-4917-CH(M)
-vs-
PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS, Defendants.

BRABANT & MANNIKKO, PLLC
By: Bruce K. Mannikko P47238
Attorney for Plaintiffs
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

DAVID R. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant Sauter
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP.
In Pro Per
2723 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085

PAUL MICHAEL MARKS
In Pro Per
993 Northpointe Drive, S.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49509

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan dated the 22nd day of May, 2000, in the matter of EVERETT HOGGARD and ARTHELLA HOGGARD v PHYLLIS J. SAUTER TRUST, SHAKTI HOTEL-MOTEL, CORP., and PAUL MICHAEL MARKS, File Number of said cause being 99-4917-CH(M) directing the sale of certain real estate, and pursuant to Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297, the County Clerk or a Deputy County Clerk of the County of Crawford shall expose for sale at public sale, to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$155,000.00, at the entrance of the Crawford County Building, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court of Crawford County, on the 24th day of August, 2000 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., the real estate located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows:

The North 50 feet of Lot 1 and Beginning at NW corner of Lot 1;

thence W 180 feet; thence S 120 feet; thence E 180 feet; thence N 120 feet to POB, formerly Lots 3, 4, 5 of Hadley's 3rd Addition, Block 2 and also the South 33 feet of vacated Clare Street lying Northerly and adjacent thereto.

Pursuant to said Judgment, the real estate above-described shall be sold to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$155,000.00.
SANDRA MOORE, Crawford County Clerk, Acting under Act 600.3125 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Public Act 1974, Number 297.
Dated: June 27, 2000
Dana M. Anderson, Deputy
Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

-13-20-27-3-10-17-24

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gertrude Wakeley and Kary L. Mosher joint tenants, and not as tenants in common with full rights of survivorship (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Grayling State Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 1, 1996, and recorded on May 15, 1996 in Liber 411 on Page 220, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 94/100 dollars (\$19,375.94), including interest at 10.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on August 9, 2000.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southwesterly 80 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Roffee's Addition and Northeasterly 40 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the recorded

plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 29, 2000
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200015837
Ravens

-29-6-13-20-27

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

File No. 00-6149-DE

Estate of BRADLEY LEE COULTER,

Date of Birth: 04/20/47

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent,

Bradley Lee Coulter, who lived at 5761 W. N. Down River Rd., Grayling, Michigan died Feb. 29, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lynnette Coulter, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 07/19/00
Gary L. Gelow P33031
P.O. Box 4085
Gaylord, MI 49734
517/732-8030

Lynnette Coulter
5761 W. N. Down River Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
517/348-5050

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Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. will be accepting applications for membership on the Substance Abuse Treatment Provider Panel for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Calumet, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford. Applications from substance abuse service outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential and methadone providers that are licensed by the Department of Industry and Consumer Services and accredited by JCAHO, CARF, COA or AOA will be accepted through August 15, 2000. For additional information please contact Heidi Serven at 517-732-1791

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July 12, 2000

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Listed below are the dates of these meetings; please note that, unless otherwise posted, all Regular Meetings of this board will begin at 7:00 p.m.

C.O.O.R. GENERAL OFFICES
11051 NORTH CUT ROAD, ROSCOMMON, MI

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

August 9, 2000
September 13, 2000
October 11, 2000
November 8, 2000
December 13, 2000
January 10, 2001
February 14, 2001
March 14, 2001
April 11, 2001
May 9, 2001
June 13, 2001
July 11, 2001

Robert F. Jones, Superintendent
C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District

If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call Robert Jones or Barbara Romanowski at (517) 275-9538 by 3 p.m. on date of meeting.

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PUBLIC ACCURACY NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 08, 2000 Primary Election has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program(s) and the election ballot counters being used to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

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NOTICE OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, August 9, 2000, Grayling Township will hold a hearing in the township meeting room at 2090 Viking Way, to consider public comments on the proposed establishment of a recreational township park as outlined in the Grayling Township Recreational Master Plan adopted July 8, 1997. The public hearing will convene at 7 p.m. All attendees will be given an opportunity to voice their opinions. The hearing will establish a record for the submission of a recreation grant application through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) for funds to build the day-use park, including but not limited to, picnic grounds, playground, nature trails, parking facilities, open pavilion and toilet facilities. Grayling Township will be requesting \$300,000 through the MNRTF/CMI and will be required to provide at least 25% of the total project costs in local matching funds. The park will be located directly north of North Down River Road on the property known as the Old Fish Hatchery Property in Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 3 West. Detailed plans and cost estimates are currently available at the Town Hall for public review.

Monica Ashton
Grayling Township Clerk

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of July 30-August 5

Aries
March 21-April 20

Try hard to accomplish daily living tasks in a timely manner. Take an alternate route instead of the tried and true. Confide in your best friend about a potential problem in your love life. A massage is a welcome treat this week.

Taurus
April 21-May 21

Shed an inhibition. Confidently and respectfully disagree with your boss. It could be time to end a continuing family feud over power. You do not like change but accept the latest new opportunity.

Gemini
May 22-June 21

Pare down your calendar this week. Accept and be happy with the simple things in life. Do not make excuses. Friends and family may begin to trust you with explicit details as you become more truthful with them.

Cancer
June 22-July 22

Unburden yourself. Think hard before consolidating debts. It could land you in more financial trouble. A trusted relative has good, sound advice. Do not allow yourself to panic. Things will work out for the best.

Leo
July 23-August 23

Digestive problems could plague the perfectionist Leo. Don't allow others to dictate solutions. Avoid being insolent. Orange, the color of the sun, will bring you good thoughts and ideas.

Virgo
August 24-September 22

Set your expectations high. You have unlimited potential, both mentally and physically. Financial backing for a business or real estate venture could be imminent. Be prudent and cautious.

Libra
September 23-October 23

Opportunity is knocking. But balanced Libra is too concerned about maintaining order to take a risk. Facing reality is not settling for less. Try to be diplomatic. Others are waiting for you to slip up and make a mistake.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22

This week you may find yourself in the negotiator's seat. Set aside a lot of time for some serious sit-down discussions. Don't let friends and family fade into the background. You need them now more than ever.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21

Loosen up. Others aren't as detailed or organized as you. Friends are concerned about your perfectionist ways. Be spontaneous. It may be a good time to change or improve your living quarters, or even buy new furniture.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20

Contact distant family members. They have stories to share that put your current challenges to rest. You have to give a little to get a little. Don't let money come between you and your best friend. Practice saying "no."

Aquarius
January 21-February 18

Keep your cool. It's easy to mouth off when asked to do things differently. The situation is likely temporary. Recognize your potential but take time to give yourself the necessary space. Your ideas are great!

Pisces
February 19-March 20

This week your compassion for the less fortunate is at an all-time high. Your love of knowledge makes you the perfect teacher. Put some thought into being a literacy tutor. Take care of personal finances quickly before debts skyrocket.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pumpkin Pecan Oat Muffins

1 dozen
Topping
1/4 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 tbsp. firmly packed brown sugar
1/8 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
Muffins
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup Quaker oats (quidk or old fashioned, uncooked)
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt (optional)
1/4 cup chopped pecans
1 cup canned pumpkin

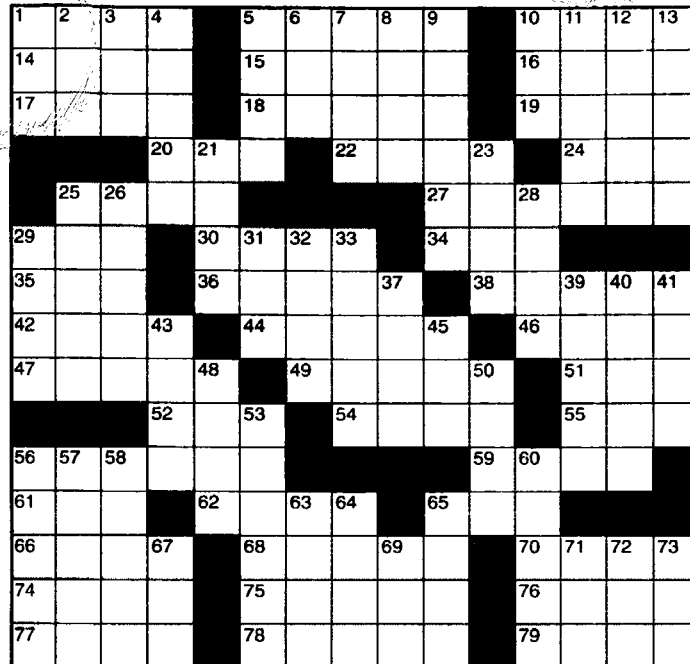
3/4 cut fat-free milk
3 tbsp. canola oil
2 egg whites or 1 egg

Heat oven to 400°F. Line 12 muffin cups with paper baking cups or spray bottoms only with cooking spray. For topping, combine all ingredients; set aside. For muffins, combine dry ingredients; mix well. Combine pumpkin, milk, oil and egg whites; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; mix just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix) Fill muffin cups almost full; sprinkle evenly with topping. Bake 22 to 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Cool muffins 5 minutes in pan on wire rack; remove from pan. Serve warm.



HOME NEEDED - Male Dalmatian approximately 2 years old and very friendly. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- School for Wills and Harry
- Go get
- The Yosemite author John
- Beautiful
- Director Ardolino
- "Just You" (Melissa Manchester song) (2 wds.)
- Actress Gwyn
- Eclipse type
- Barn adjunct
- Aviv
- Copied an action
- Williams or Mack
- "no kick from champagne..." (2 wds.)
- Rigorous
- Off good start (2 wds.)
- Bandleader Webb
- Nay's opposite
- Shoemaker's tool
- Hang above
- Ape
- Sir's companion
- Code or colony
- Amiable
- Follow
- Places for porkers

DOWN

- Accomplished
- Hasty escape
- Overflow
- Expression of surprise
- High-waisted jacket
- Perpetually
- Roberto's "one"
- Treaty
- Doughboys' battle
- Dork
- Brouhaha
- Mixed bag
- Carol of Scrooged
- Columnist Goodman
- Swag
- Shut noisily
- Assessed
- Juxtapose
- Goldbrick
- Janeiro (2 wds.)
- Emulate Durer
- Judge
- Dubque resident
- Lavish occasions
- Proud
- Placid
- Hare's move
- Currier and
- Opinion pieces?
- Shore bird
- Tiny insect
- More gelid
- Acquiesce
- Vamp's shoe
- Actor Gorcey
- Tombstone lawman
- Spurt forth
- Bellyacher
- Stackable beds
- Fawcett's former beau
- Doone
- Stringed instrument
- RC, for one
- Cause to lean
- Proceed
- GOP opposer
- Bishop's seat
- Tennis shot
- Chit letters
- Famed Giant

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



Jay Stephan, right and Jack Kolka cross a backwater during the Marathon.

23 Years Ago
July 28, 1977

Clearcut restrictions limiting road access to the undeveloped western shoreline of Lake Margrethe to military and other official vehicles will be sought by the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

Three local units of government have banded together to save the local airport and hopefully keep the Kirtland Community College (KCC) Aviation School in this community. Grayling's Major Division All Star team traveled to Alpena Sunday and returned home with a hard-fought victory over Onaway, 13-11. Leading hitters for Grayling included Monty D'Amour with a perfect 5 for 5, Brad Trenary, Ted Methner and Jim Schrader chipped in with 3 hits each while Dave Brooks and John Dannenberg added two each. It's been at least 6 years since Grayling has won a tournament game.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Dean of Grayling are the parents of a son, Brian John, born July 18.

Willard Bosserman, County Extension Director, was re-elected chairman of the AuSable River Watershed Study Council Tuesday, July 19 at the annual meeting. Bernard Fowler, Grayling Township Supervisor, was re-elected vice chairman and Jack Trudgeon, canoe livery operator, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. DNR test results show that the water quality in the river has witnessed distinct improvement between 1971 and 1975.

46 Years Ago

July 29, 1954

Carl Kellogg who is employed in Pontiac spent the weekend with his family here. The Kelloggs are building a restaurant, gas station and cabins at the corner of M-72 East and Wakeley Bridge Rd.

Little Karen Feldhauser, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feldhauser, is a patient at Mercy Hospital with third degree burns on her left foot and leg. She also suffered burns on her left hand and right foot. Karen fell into the remains of a bonfire Sunday when the family was enjoying a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vajda of Livonia have moved to Grayling to make their home. They are building a home on M-72 east of Grayling. The Vajdas have three sons, William 11, and twins Gary and Cary, who are 2. Mr. Vajda is a licensed electrical contractor and has been in the electrical business for 15 years.

Nancy Knibbs was 5 years old and celebrated her birthday July 22 by having nine little girls for ice cream and cake. Ann Marie Church and Marilyn Joseph won the prizes for the games.

69 Years Ago
July 30, 1931

Mrs. C.R. Keyport, Mrs. Groves Amos and Mrs. C.G. Clippert drove to Petoskey and spent the day Friday.

Post Commander Alfred Hanson, who was selected as a member of the entertainment committee for the National American Legion convention to be held in Detroit in September, was in the metropolis the last of the week attending a meeting of that committee.

The Grayling baseball team sent the Houghton Lake team home Sunday to tell a tale of a one-sided game played on the home lot. The score was 23 to 3 in a six inning frame. Laurant and Brady were the battery for Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Crowell and children called on friends here the first of the week. Mr. Crowell will be remembered as the manager of the A&P Co. when they first opened their store in Grayling on Cedar Street.

Several carloads of Grayling people motored to Charlevoix Sunday to take in the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus. Among those who made the trip were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rudeau and daughter Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nielson and sons, Gordon Pond, DeVere Dawson, Elmer Neal, Misses Marion Reynolds and Ona Lozon. Ronnow Hanson and Leo Schram.

T.P. and Adolph Peterson, Chris Hoesli and Carl Hanson enjoyed a three day camping and fishing trip down the South Branch of the AuSable.

92 Years Ago
July 30, 1908

Under direction of P. Brown, the water main in Peninsular Avenue has been extended from Ogema St. to Lake and a fire hydrant put in near the Catholic Church which adds greatly to the security of that part of the village.

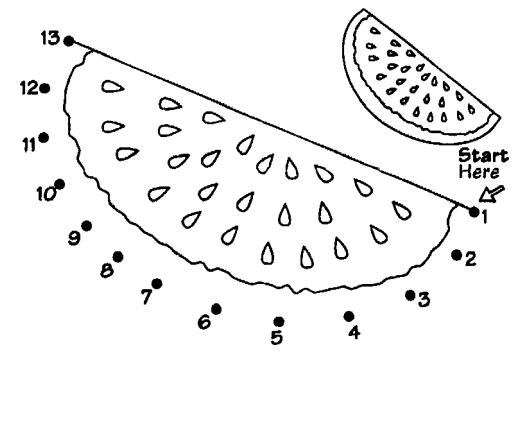
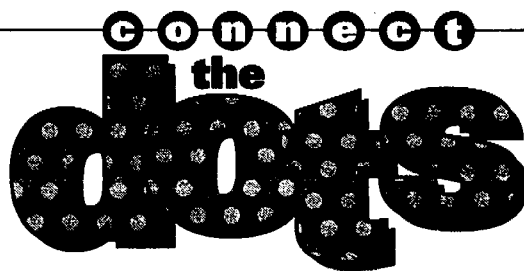
Karl Michelson and wife, with her sister, Miss Maude Staly have arrived for a visit with old friends and to enjoy a breath of fresh air at Portage.

It is claimed, and we think justly, that Andrew Peterson has the best garden in this city.

John Ervin of New York City, a brother of Mrs. W.A. Masters, was a welcome caller in town last Friday. He was agreeably surprised to see the improvement in our village since he was last here twelve years ago.

The school board has hired Miss Margaret Husted to teach eight months in District #2 at Lovells.

Dr. C. H. O'Neal of Frederic has completed his steam launch and it is a beauty.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	H	L	Precip.
7/18	60	37	
7/19	74	37	
7/20	73	42	0.05"
7/21	65	47	0.01"
7/22	67	40	0.01"
7/23	72	40	
7/24	80	47	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Bureau: Wednesday - mostly cloudy with chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high near 80. Thursday - chance of showers or thunderstorms, with a low of 55-60 and a high in the mid 70's. Friday - chance of showers, with a low in the mid 50's and a high in the mid 70's. Saturday - dry, with a low of 50-55 and a high in the mid 70's.

What it's like to paddle an AuSable Marathon: From a racer's perspective

The following article was written by Steve Watson, a teacher in Onaway. Watson, 28, will be competing in his fourth AuSable River Canoe Marathon this year.

So you want to know what it feels like to race the AuSable Canoe Marathon?

You think that after watching the race for all those years you have a pretty good idea of what it feels like, or even what it takes to prepare for this 120-mile odyssey across northeast Michigan?

MAYBE YOU'VE even thought about trying it out for yourself sometime. You wouldn't be the first person to watch it one year and race it the next. In fact, it's probably the single biggest factor in starting people into the sport of canoe racing in this state. It hooked me.

My life would be different today if I hadn't seen that first Marathon back in 1987. That summer I spent a few days with my Aunt Janet in Grayling. I was 15 and didn't really have anything to do for a few days so I decided to come up north with her from my downstate home in Redford. I had been coming to Grayling for my entire life but it was usually to see my Grandma and it was rarely during the summer.

I knew the race existed. After all, my Aunt Janet was Janet Kolka - the wife of Jack Kolka, an "Ironman" in the sport of marathon canoe racing and at the Marathon itself.

This particular Marathon happened to once again contain a Kolka in its ranks: my cousin Mark. Before the race I wished him luck and asked him if he was going to win.

He replied with something like, "I just want to finish. The top ten would be great."

Being a pretty competitive person in sports I was surprised that he wasn't going to go after the win so to speak. Needless to say, by the end of the race I understood what he meant. The race is far from easy and by all accounts, the vast majority of entrants would have to see a catastrophe occur to the leaders for them to have a chance to win.

Nonetheless, Mark did extremely well by finishing in eighth place with his partner Minard Kolka. Of course, I was amazed by the whole experience and was in awe of what Mark had just accomplished. The top ten at the Marathon had to be an incredible accomplishment, something that I could only imagine.

It would be nine years after that race that I finally found myself standing on Peninsular Street next to a canoe ready for that spine-tingling gun to fire.

I STARTED PADDLING in 1991 after buying my first C-1. I raced in as many Michigan Canoe Racing Association races as I could get into. I raced as an Amateur for two years and then moved into the pro ranks. I watched, was a feeder, or took pictures of every Marathon after that first one. I traveled to New York as a feeder and raced as well.

I went to Nationals. I went to La Classique in Shawinigan, Quebec as

feeder for a number of years.

I was consumed with canoe racing. It became a 365-day a year operation like it is for many paddlers. All the while the Marathon beckoned to me. I had wanted to do it from that first night in 1987 but I refused to enter it to just finish it, I wanted to do well. Every year came and went without the right person to paddle with or the right circumstance to cause me to enter the race.

It wouldn't be until 1996 that the right circumstances finally caught up to me. I teamed up with Andy Triebold who had also never done the Marathon. We raced a few races that summer before the Marathon and had done really well. Things looked bright. Even though he had never raced the Marathon before, I was happy to race with him because we got along really well. Personalities might not seem like a very big deal to the average person until you try to spend 14-19 hours in a canoe through the middle of the night with someone. We had also good speed, and we were both finally in the right shape.

UNFORTUNATELY, the night was not kind to us. My shoulder was killing me, we tipped over, ran into a few things, even breaking the clip for our light on the front of the canoe. Meanwhile it seemed that every team in the field was passing us and we were just helpless to stop it. I brought up the subject of dropping out in the same way someone might bring up the subject that you're dog had just gotten run over in the street.

Thank goodness Andy was tight-lipped through that part of the race or he might have actually gone along with that ludicrous idea. And it was ludicrous. We were in our first Marathon. It's not going to be bed of roses for everybody. For every first Marathon success story, there's three that end in dropouts, injuries, fatigue or some other crazy event. Ralph Sawyer, my Uncle Jack, Butch Stockton, Buzz Peterson, Jerry Kellogg....those legends weren't able to finish their first Marathon yet a couple of punks like me and Andy did. That has to be worth something right? Right.

In fact the following year Andy raced with his dad and they finished in 8th. Quite an improvement from our 22nd place finish. The following year I raced again with Mike Packard of New York. I spent over a month living in nearby Roscommon so I could train on the AuSable with my cousins Ted and Jeff Kolka and with Butch Stockton and John Sullivan. Like the years leading up to this point I tried to surround myself with the fastest and most knowledgeable people I could. So many people like Tom and Connie Cannon, Bruce and Roxanne Barton, Ken and Steve Kolonich had taught me how to paddle. Now I needed to know how to paddle on this crazy river if I had any hopes of improving on my first Marathon.

Apparently it worked, since we surprised everybody by finishing in 9th place. Last year was much of the same. Clark Kent and I finished in 10th just eight minutes from reaching a sub-15 hour Marathon, which was a milestone I previously

thought was unattainable by me and one which all paddlers strive toward.

WE PADDLED from Wakeley Bridge to 20 minutes upstream of McKinley Bridge alone. We had dropped the last boat near us on a tiny island two bends up from Wakeley. It was Randy Drake and his partner Mike Devine. Randy had won the Marathon in 1989 and had done extremely well many other times -- never finishing outside the top ten -- so Clark and I were both really excited to be in front and rid of somebody as good as that.

Nearing McKinley, it was there that we, along with Mo Harwood and Matt Ashton, caught up to a pack of boats that were riding in 5th-7th positions. Never would I have dreamed that we would be up that high in the standings at the midway point of the race. We eventually finished back in tenth, no real disappointment, but I began to realize something that night. Somewhere through the last few years I had gone from always dragging behind the top guys to being alongside them. I wasn't watching those guys like Bruce Barton and Tim Triebold in the Marathon; instead, I was paddling alongside them.

Even though we were able to stay with these teams for what seemed like an eternity, I still had a level of doubt of whether I belonged there, like I was some sort of intruder to

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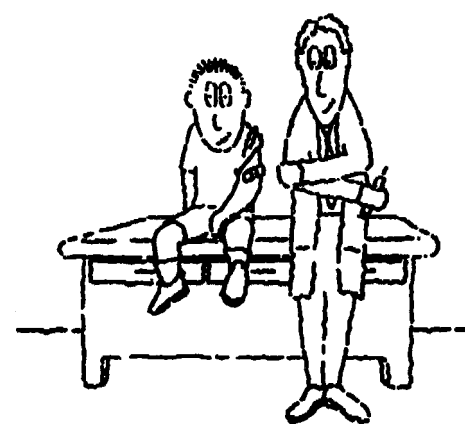


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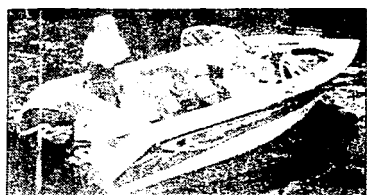
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What it's like to paddle an AuSable Marathon



Photo by Caleb Casey

Steve Watson of Onaway (with partner Al Shaver) finish the Spike's Challenge Paddler's Tribute race on Sunday, July 23, in sixth place. Watson will be competing in his fourth Marathon this year.

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this pretty elite group of paddlers. Even though it seemed like an eternity, it was actually only about an hour. But, when you're paddling between McKinley and the 4001 Bridge at 4:30 a.m., time has a way of not making a lot of sense.

WHATEVER DOUBT I had then is gone now. This "true" self-confidence is something that is relatively new on the scene for me. In the last three weeks I've finished in 2nd place with John Sullivan three times at other races in Michigan. All three times we were beaten by one of my cousins. I've been a big fan and follower of theirs for years now but I don't like to see them win when it's me they're beating to the finish line. I'm sure they would feel

the same way if the order were reversed. Nonetheless, I feel like I belong now; that what I accomplish at a race, even the Marathon, isn't luck or a fluke.

Nobody seems "untouchable" any more, and for someone like me who thrives on the competition, that's a good thing. I'll be honest, if I wasn't getting faster every year I would quit this sport instantly. It's too hard. That's not a defeatist attitude either. I want to compete, go fast and beat as many people as I can in every single race I enter. I was happy with 10th place in last year's Marathon but I wanted more. And I'm not the only one. Clark wanted it too. He could taste it -- that chance to beat all those boats we were with is what he wanted. I wanted it too, and if I didn't, he never would have paddled the Marathon with me and rightfully so.

Why do I mention this? Because for every one guy out there like me someone who spends literally years planning and preparing for his first Marathon -- there's 10 guys who spend only weeks to get ready. It boggles my mind how many

teams every year are guys that I've never seen before. And not because they're out-of-state guys either but because for many of them, the Marathon is their first race ever.

SO, TO ANSWER the question I posed at the beginning: What does it feel like to race the Marathon and to prepare for it? That depends on who you are. For me, my goal was to do well, to start making it into the top ten and eventually contend for the lead. I'm still on my way but I'm getting some of the things done that I set out to do but it took years for me to only get this far. For other guys, merely paddling the Marathon and finishing it is what they're after. And truthfully, they have as many good stories to tell about their adventures in the Marathon as the top guys do.

What does it take to do the Marathon and do it well? It takes a lot of hard work, a lot of determination, and a lot of time. Don't spend your winter evenings sitting around the tube eating Ho-Hos all the time. Go lift weights, run or ski. Paddle with people better than you, who know more than you do. Trust me.

there are a lot of people out there who know more than you do about canoeing -- learn from them, not yourself.

Learn how to paddle efficiently and fast before you ever start worrying about some isolated log on the inside corner of some nameless corner down near Townline Road. Do you think Serge Corbin knew every log in the river the first year he came out and finished 2nd?

THE MARATHON is a great race. For the casual spectator it's a spectacle, for the die-hard follower it's a calendar day the way Christmas is for little kids. Just like Christmas, there's a huge letdown the day after the Marathon. Grayling seems like another town altogether after the race is over. For paddlers it's a gut wrenching, sweaty palms nervous twitch experience that is a relief once it starts and an even greater one when it's over. I think I feel worse from the beginning of the paddler introductions to the point when the starters say "One Minute!" than I do in any part of the race itself. Nausea is a word that comes to mind.

Even with all this, I come back. The competition. The self-examination of your character. The realization that Ralph Sawyer, my uncle Jack, the Kelloggs and the Bissonette brothers were on this same water doing this same race years before. I think I feel worse from the beginning of the paddler introductions to the point when the starters say "One Minute!" than I do in any part of the race itself. Nausea is a word that comes to mind.

Well, I guess I know what I'm doing for the next 20 summers.

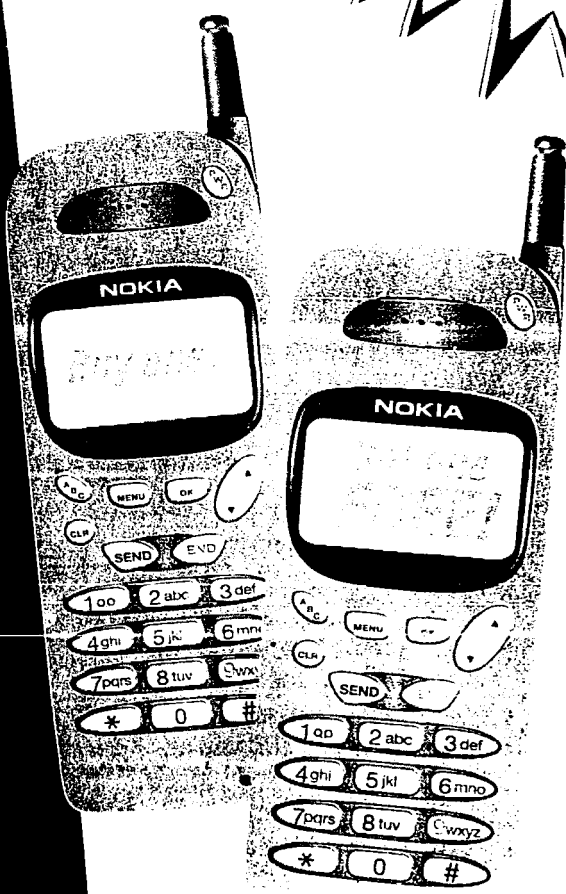
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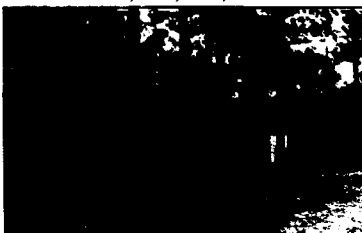
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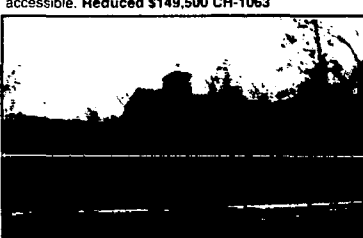
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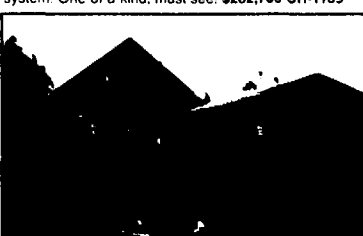
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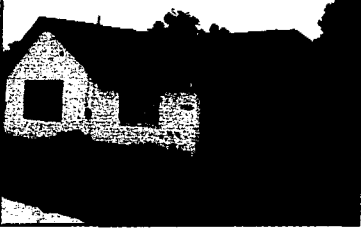
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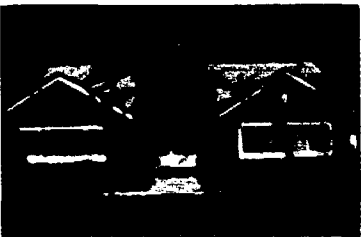
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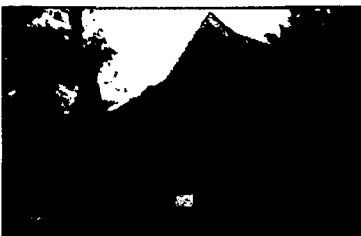
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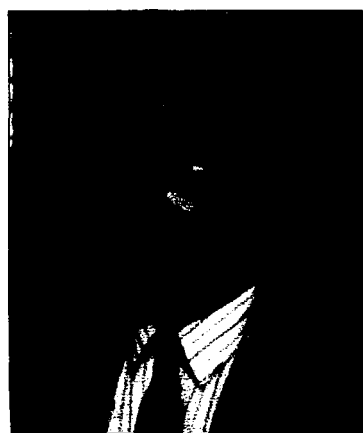
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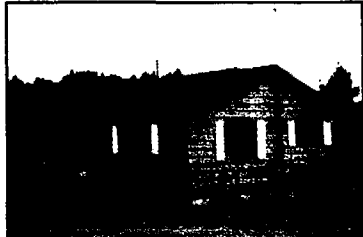
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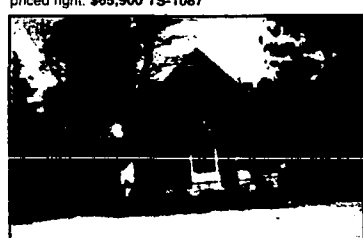
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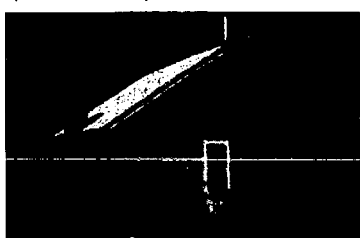
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1. Real Estate

GRAYLING AREA Three bedroom home, two car garage, remodeled large lot, nice neighborhood, close to town. \$74,900. 517-732-6152. Northwood Land Co. (-20-27-3/10/1)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

COOR ISD has an immediate opening for a Level II Secretary. This is a year-round position and offers an excellent wage and benefit package. For details and qualifications, contact Dick Coulter at 517-275-9580. (-20-27/3)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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MEDICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking experienced staff for new positions in our laboratory. We are looking for Phlebotomists and Medical Technologist/MLT full time positions in our laboratory. Medical technologist/MLT must have ASCP or equivalent. Some relevant experience and computer skills are necessary for all positions. Qualified persons please contact: Mercy Hospital Human Resources, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 517-348-0528. Fax 517-348-0485. E-mail feldmaa@trinity-health.org. (-27/3)

APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN at Grayling Super 8. Four Mile Rd. Opening for Pool Maintenance five nights a week, 20 hrs. Please apply in person in between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. (-27-3/3)

3. Employment

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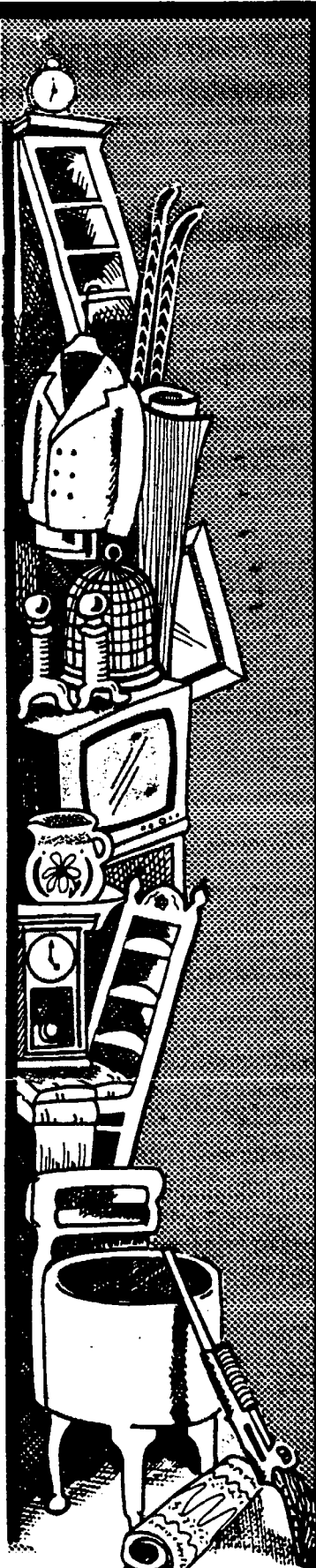
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FURNITURE SET (couch, chair, recliner, end table and lamp) \$350, OBO. Couch and chair, \$100, OBO. 348-5722. Call Shelly. (-27/5)

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HUGE LUMBER SALE ASP Saw Works, 72 East. Swings, benches, picnic tables, etc. 6 x 6 x 8, 6 x 8-8', 10', 12'. 1 x 8-8, poles. Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. or call 517-348-2473. (-27/5)

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POOL TABLE 8 foot slate top, 1 1/2 years old, used very little. \$1,200. 517-275-7709 after 6 p.m. or weekends. (-20-27/5)

5. For Sale

1998 27' DUTCHMEN LITE 5th wheel. Used five times, loaded. Full bath, air, microwave, cable, queen bed, refrigerator. Lots of storage. Asking \$14,000 O.B.O. Call 517-348-8252. (-20-27/5)

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RED PINE LOGS 10' x 10" dry, peeled. Ready to stack. 517-344-8609. \$10,000. Nancy. (-27/5)

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1987 JAYCO 35' Fifth wheel. Awning, micro, walk thru bath with tub and shower, elect. ign. water heater, freestanding dinette, fifth wheel hitch, no air. Excellent condition. \$9,600 O.B.O. 517-275-5445 (6/8/00tf/5)

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BOAT - MOTOR AND TRAILER 1994 Tracker Pro Deep V 16. Mariner 40hp oil injected. Bow mount trolling motor. Aerated live well. AM-FM cassette stereo. Wide eye fish finder. Excellent condition. \$6,200. 517-344-8157. (-20-27/5)

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FULL SIZE MATTRESS SETS Bedsprads and miscellaneous and gas grill. Call 517-348-9094, Woodland Motor Lodge. (-27-3/5)

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6. Wanted

WANTED ANY old Bear Archery, bows, equipment catalogs, trinkets for my own personal collection. Call Pete Kocefas 517-348-8627/1-800-848-1268. (-27/6)

7. Miscellaneous

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11. Automotive

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1998 Chevrolet Tahoe 4 Dr. 4x4 LT - Maxed out leather, CD/cassette. Brand new tires! Off lease. Don't pay \$40,000. Stock #4242 Was \$27,988 Now \$26,988

1998 Ford Windstar - Nice shape, full equipment. Stock #17118-1 Was \$13,988 Now \$13,288

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1997 GMC Jimmy 2 Dr. 4x4 - Sharp 4x4 sport utility without spending \$20,000 very nicely equipped. Stock #4343 Was \$15,988 Now \$15,488

1995 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4 Dr. 4x4 - LS very clean and sharp, power options, the works, running boards, this one won't last! Stock #16824-1 Was \$13,488 Now \$12,988

BUDGET CARS AND TRUCKS

Stock # 4213-1
1993 - Ford Escort Wagon\$2,488
Stock # 16783-3
1993 - Mercury Topaz\$2,488

Stock # 16931-2
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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements

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DRIVER'S TRAINING and Road Testing is offered by the Grayling Driver's Training School. Register now for the September 18 class. Contact Howard Lehti 517-348-8838. (-15-22-29-6-20-27-3-17-24/8)

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9. Personals

PRAYER TO THE Blessed Virgin (never known to fail). Most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that You are my Mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (Make your request.) There are none that can withstand your power. O, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. (Three times.) Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands. (Three times.) Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then publish it and it will be granted to you. Gratefully thanks. SB (-27/9)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, 10209 Twin Bridge Rd., Lovells. Riding mower, push mower, snowblower, furniture, bicycles, ladies golf club set, carpet, jig saw with stand, wheelbarrow, weed eater, garden tools, dishes and household miscellaneous. (-27/10)

YARD SALE July 28, 29, 30, from 9-5. 4652 Orbit Dr. off North Down River. (-27/10)

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE July 28 and 29, 9 - 2, 607 Michigan Avenue. Nice clothing (all sizes), CDs, bedding, games, refrigerator, tools, crafts, and numerous miscellaneous. (-27/10)

10. Garage Sales

YARD SALE Hundreds of previewed videos on sale at the sidewalk sale at Blockbuster Video in Grayling. Prices from \$6.99 or less. Comedies, dramas, actions, lots of kids titles and more, some as low as .99. This Friday and Saturday, 10-6 at Blockbuster. (-27/10)

YARD & GARAGE SALE July 28, 29, 9-4. Eight families. 611 Glenwood Ct. Something for everyone, priced to sell. (-27/10)

GARAGE SALE Aug. 3rd - ? 6700 Tomahawk, off Ole Dam Rd and Robinhood. Clothing, arts and crafts, furniture and miscellaneous. (-27/10)

GARAGE SALE July 27, 28, 29. Thurs. - Sat., 9-5. 2493 S. Horse Shoe, M-72, north side Grayling. First this year. Beanies, kids, puzzles, Disney tapes, miscellaneous, small fridge \$60, used once. Ideal for college. (-27/10)

YARD SALE Saturday, July 29, 9-3. Household items, kids items, junior girls clothing and much more. Antique dresser, 2 mirror, exercise equipment, bar bells, etc. Many items new. 1666 Ole Dam. (-27/10)

GARAGE SALE July 27, 28, 29. Thurs., Fri., Sat. 1827 Thendara Rd., five miles east of Grayling on M-72. Baby clothes, odd and ends, car tote, 22 ft. RV awning/center post. (-27/10)

GARAGE SALE July 28-30, 9-8, 93 to 612 to 7586 Lovells Rd. (-27/10)

11. Automotive

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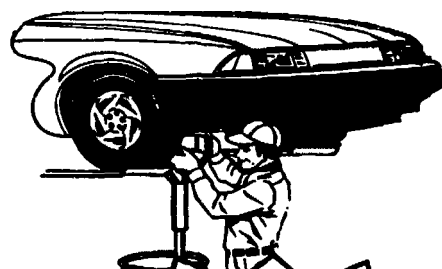
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53rd Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon Spectator Guide 2000

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At the starting cannon, AuSable River Canoe Marathon racers run with their canoes from downtown Grayling to the river at Ray's Canoe Livery.

Over 50,000 fans expected for the 53rd running of North America's richest, toughest canoe race

AuSable Canoe Marathon to start Saturday, July 29

Superstars of canoe racing compete for share of \$50,000 in cash and prizes

The largest number of entrants in the fifty-three year history of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon are converging on Grayling, Michigan this week for North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race. At least sixty-seven two-person teams from 17 American states and Canadian provinces will race 120 miles in 14 to 19 hours, completing more than 50,000 paddle strokes at 60 to 90 strokes per minute.

First staged in 1947, the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon has long been heralded not only as the toughest canoe race in North America for the competitors, but also as one of the toughest spectator events. The race has become a fan favorite, with an estimated 50,000 spectators cheering on the racers at various points along the 120 mile course from Grayling to Oscoda, at

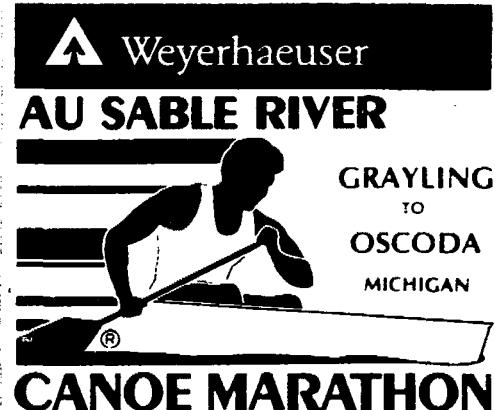
bridges, dam portages, public access points and from private homes & cottages that dot this world famous trout fishing and canoeing stream. A group of the most hearty & dedicated race volunteers, team supporters and Marathon fans, estimated numbering in the hundreds, to perhaps one or two thousand, will follow the action all of the way from Grayling overnight and 14 to 19 hours to the finish line in Oscoda.

Starting with a LeMans style run at 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 29, teams will race with their canoes several blocks through the streets of Grayling to the AuSable River at Rays Canoe Livery to begin the grueling 120 mile nonstop race. Paddlers continue throughout the night, battling darkness, natural obstacles, the weather, physical pain and emotional barriers, hoping to cross the finish line in Oscoda prior to the 19-hour cut-off mark. The paddlers must also run with their canoes to portage each of six Consumers Energy hydro-electric dams between Grayling and the Oscoda finish line. The contestants will receive no outside assistance except food, drink,

clothing and other necessities passed to them by their team of "bank runners" or "feeders" who meet them at locations along the race course. The function of these support teams is often compared to that of pit crews in auto racing and can be just as important to the outcome of the race.

Proclaimed to be the greatest marathon canoe racer of all time, Quebec's Serge Corbin and Michigan's best long distance paddler, Jeff Kolka of Grayling have teamed up again this year to pursue a record fifth consecutive championship in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Over the Memorial Day weekend Kolka and Corbin also, New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta, staged on the Susquehanna River from Cooperstown to Bainbridge, New York. The General Clinton Race, the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and Quebec's La Classique de Canots, staged over September's Labor Day Weekend, are widely recognized as North America's top three canoe races and are often referred to as the "Triple Crown of North American

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**North America's
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6th \$1,400	38th \$245
7th \$1,300	39th \$235
8th \$1,200	40th \$225
9th \$1,100	\$150 per team
10th \$1,000	41st place &
11th \$950	beyond: \$750
12th \$900	total; not to
13th \$850	exceed \$150 per
14th \$800	team
15th \$750	Over \$8,000
16th \$700	in prizes
17th \$650	will be
18th \$625	awarded at
19th \$600	the Awards
20th \$575	Dinner
21st \$550	\$4,400 will
22nd \$525	be awarded
23rd \$500	in bonuses
24th \$475	Amateur
25th \$450	Division
26th \$425	Prizes
27th \$400	Unique trophies will
28th \$375	be awarded to all
29th \$350	amateur teams who
30th \$325	complete the course
31st \$315	within 19 hours!
32nd \$305	

AuSable River Canoe Marathon

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Canoe Racing.

Finishing a close second to Kolka and Corbin in New York was the team of Tim Triebold and Al Rudquist. Rudquist is not competing in this year's race. Triebold, from Concord Michigan, has paired up with 16 year old Matt Rimer of Horton Michigan to compete in their second AuSable Canoe Marathon. Last year, Triebold and Rimer finished in 9th place and are expected to vie for a top ten position in this year's race.

Other teams expected to challenge Kolka and Corbin for the title include 16-time marathon veteran Bill Torongo, 38, of Roscommon, Michigan, and his partner from Quebec, Denis Berthiaume. Though this will be Berthiaume's first AuSable Marathon, Torongo's "home-field advantage" combined with his perfor-

mance as a multiple top-3 Marathon finisher, may prove to be a challenging match for the Kolka/Corbin team.

Among other teams expected to be in the top pack are:

- The father and son team of Ken and Steve Kolonich. Steve, 28, from Lansing and Ken, 54, from Eaton Rapids, are both "Iron Paddlers". Iron Paddlers have finished at least ten Marathons. The Kolonichs finished in 3rd place in 1997, 6th in 1998 and 2nd in last year's Marathon.

- Last year's third place finishers, Ted Kolka, 34, of Grayling and Tim Valko, 31, of Pinckney, are teamed again this year. At New York's General Clinton, the Kolka/Valko team finished in 10th place.

- Bruce Barton, 43, of Homer, Michigan and Solomon Carriere, also 43, of Cumberland House Saskatchewan, a three-time AuSable

Marathon Champ (1983, 1993, 1994)

- Rick Joy, 41, a veteran of 24 Marathons and a frequent top-5 Marathon finisher, and partner Dave Jensen, 36, of San Jose, California

- John Sullivan, 30, of Roscommon, Michigan, and partner Louis Berthiaume, 41, of Berthiville, Quebec. The pair finished 5th in the 1998 AuSable Marathon.

Many of the more than 50,000 fans expected to be on hand for the Marathon will be cheering on Al Widing Sr., 75, of Mio, Michigan. Widing, who started racing the Marathon in 1955, is looking to add to his long list of AuSable Marathon accomplishments. He has entered and finished more Marathons than anyone else and finished as high as 2nd three times. In 1999, Widing and partner Bob Bradford, 56, of Lapeer, Michigan (combined age 130!) finished in 15th place, topping 31 other teams and completing the 120 mile course in 15 hours, 21 minutes! Fans absolutely marvel at Widing as he beats paddlers a quarter his age. This year Widing will be racing with a relative "youngster", Joe Pollock, 41, of Edmore, Michigan. In contrast to the veteran Widing, 47 paddlers...over 1/3 of the Marathon field... will be attempting to finish the Marathon for the first time.

In the early years, the contestants used the standard recreational canoes and paddles of the day. The winners of that first AuSable Marathon in 1947

were Allen Carr and Delbert Case of Grayling, in 21 hours, 3 minutes (21:03). In 1956, a trailblazer of modern marathon canoe racing, Ralph Sawyer, of Oscoda, began a run of 8 AuSable Marathon victories in 13 years. During the late 1950's and through the 1960's, Sawyer and other top racers and canoe designers changed the look and function of racing canoes forever; they became longer, sleeker, lighter.....faster. Modern materials and what were then considered "radical" design concepts were tested and improved upon. During this period the winning times for the Marathon dropped to 15+hours.

During the last twenty years, cedar-strip and fiberglass canoes have given way to high-tech Kevlar and graphite/ composite canoes that weigh less than 30 pounds and cost \$2500-3500 or more. Graphite paddles that weigh ten ounces or less and cost \$150-\$250 each are the norm. With the advent of increased prize money, better media exposure and improved event organization by the all-volunteer committee, the level of AuSable Marathon competition has stiffened. Serge Corbin and Solomon Carriere, of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, broke the 14-hour barrier in 1994 to set the current AuSable Marathon record time: 13:58:08 [13 hours, 58 minutes, 8 seconds].

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AuSable River Canoe Marathon Spectator Guide:

What you need and what you need to know to follow the race

How to survive America's toughest spectator event

Watching the entire AuSable Canoe Marathon takes 19 non-stop hours and covers 120 miles (one way).

The race starts at 9:00 p.m. in downtown Grayling on Saturday and ends Sunday afternoon, 120 miles away in Oscoda.

The "Completely Equipped Spectator" will have:

- A Marathon Program – racer and course information
- Pencil and eraser to record positions at timing marks during races
- A Michigan Road Map
- Walkman
- Lawn Chairs
- Binoculars
- Insect Repellent
- Soap, towel & toothbrush and personal toilette items
- Toilette Paper
- Washcloth (wet in baggy)
- Camera & Film (84 exposures)
- Pillows
- Alarm Clock (don't let the race pass you by while taking a cat nap)
- Rain Gear
- Shorts
- Hat
- Change of clothing, if needed for awards banquet in Oscoda
- Cooler with sandwiches, pop, energy bars etc.
- Thermos
- Money
- Flashlight for finding your way to river in middle of night
- Penlight for looking at program at riverside

- Sunglasses
- Portable Scanner (tuned to Grayling Repeater on 145.13 and Mio at 145.35 will provide constant updates of team times during race)
- The 50th Anniversary Book on the marathon

SPECTATORS START to locate prime viewing spots on the banks of Ray's Canoe Livery six hours before the start. Pre-race activities will begin at 6:30 p.m., including introduction of the paddlers, entertainment and the singing of national anthems.

Spectators pre-position their vehicles to leave the start as soon as possible to leave the start for many of the viewing points along the river. My favorite is Alcona at 5:30 AM where numerous people will gather to see who leads in the morning light across Alcona Pond.

In 1991 after eight hours of racing the crowd watched five canoes pull across the pond with less than five seconds between them.

As the 9:00 PM draws near, the excitement of the crowd builds anticipating the start. When the cannon booms, the spectators closest to start of the four block run will initiate a cheer that culminates with thousands applauding the fifty or more teams as they try to reach and enter the AuSable in the same place at the same time.

The very best will not stop until they reach Lake Huron in Oscoda, 120 miles away.

The following represents the times that the leading teams will reach sites along the course of the race. Between these sites are many places that provide great places to observe and to

meet fellow followers of the race. Places near Grayling like the location of the now removed Rayburn Lodge and Keystone offer excellent viewing of the early racing.

As the race travels its course, official timers report on the exact times that racers pass. When they do this they radio the information on each split time to the race office in Grayling. A hand-held scanner with the correct frequencies, will provide reports on who is moving up through the pack and who is falling back.

The timers also report teams having problems and what teams are pulling out. Having a scanner can add enormously to knowing what is going on with the race. It can also be used to pick up the continuous weather updates from the National Weather Service. Several radio stations also carry updates on the race during the night.

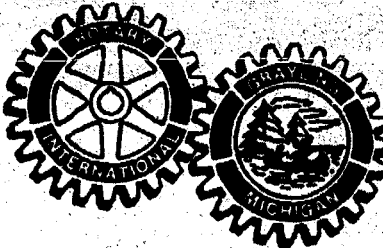
AFTER MIO DAM. the driving route will take you along the river on McKinley Road. This road until Comins Flats offers at least six vantage points that vary from the category of secret to very secret. The last few miles of the race from Cooke Dam to Oscoda offer the very best of

observation points, because of the high banks.

- Burton's Landing 9:40 PM
- Stephan Bridge 10:15 PM
- Wakely Bridge 10:45 PM
- McMaster's Bridge 11:45 PM
- Parmalee Bridge 12:45 AM
- Camp 10 Bridge 1:55 AM
- Mio Dam 2:00 AM
- McKinley Bridge 4:00 AM
- 4001 Bridge 5:00 AM
- Alcona Dam 5:30 AM
- Loud Dam 7:20 AM
- Five Channels Dam 7:45 AM
- Cooke Dam 8:45 AM
- Foote Dam 10:00 AM
- Oscoda (finish) 11:00 AM

NEEDLESS TO SAY, after you have successfully observed the AuSable Canoe Marathon you are qualified to observe the third race in the Triple Crown the La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie, staged Labor Day weekend on central Quebec's majestic St. Maurice River. This is a three-day, three-stage race in an area that is very reminiscent of Europe more than the U.S.

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Canoe #	Competitor	# Marathons	City	State/Province	Canoe #	Competitor	# Marathons	City	State/Province
0	John Nemeth	5	Grand Blanc	Michigan	58	Allan DuBois	6	Cottage Grove	Minnesota
0	Robert A. Bradford	11	Lapeer	Michigan	58	Charles W. Ryan II	0	Champlin	Minnesota
3	Erich Podjaske	3	Grayling	Michigan	59	Colin Hunter	4	Grayling	Michigan
3	Mo Harwood	4	Grayling	Michigan	59	Brad Wilson	3	Grayling	Michigan
4	Bruce Barton	7	Homer	Michigan	60	Mark Bialek	0	Kalamazoo	Michigan
4	Solomon Carriere	10	Cumberland House	Saskatchewan	60	WM Fick	7	Blissfield	Michigan
7	Chad Swander		Grayling	Michigan	61	Charles Hewitt	4	Bay City	Michigan
7	Connie Swander	4	Grayling	Michigan	61	Bernie Tuszyński	4	Gaylord	Michigan
9	Al Widing Sr.	30	Mio	Michigan	62	Mark Rimer	6	Horton	Michigan
9	Joe Pollock	6	Edmore	Michigan	62	Tom Trudgeon		Grayling	Michigan
11	Rick Joy	24	Silverwood	Michigan	65	Frank Smutek	8	Luzerne	Michigan
11	Dave Jensen	3	San Jose	California	65	Amy Solak	0	Traverse City	Michigan
14	Bill Torongo	17	Roscommon	Michigan	66	Steve Watson	3	Onaway	Michigan
14	Denis Berthiaume	0		Quebec	66	Al Shaver	1	Meridale	New York
16	Jeff Kolka	17	Grayling	Michigan	70	P. C Randolph	0	Lindsey	Ohio
16	Serge Corbin	15	St. Boniface	Quebec	70	Andy Hague	0	Bowling Green	Ohio
17	Dan Cruser	0	Crosby	Minnesota	72	Abby Kingman	1	Goshen	Massachusetts
17	Dick Rayman	0	Ely	Minnesota	72	Lisa Salvini	1	Montgomery	Massachusetts
18	Al Duckworth	3	Kalamazoo	Michigan	73	Greg Nelson	1	Marquette	Michigan
18	Doug Grosso	2	Bellevue	Michigan	73	Mark Churchill	1	Gwinn	Michigan
21	Dale Bissonnette	1	Hale	Michigan	76	Dwayne Barnes	2	Copemish	Michigan
21	Mike Mc Kulsy	0	Hale	Michigan	76	Brian Krantz	20	Traverse City	Michigan
22	Kai Hansen	3	Belleville	Wisconsin	77	Ray Wonders	0	Anchorage	Alaska
22	Fritz Hansen	3	Union Grove	Wisconsin	77	Rick Sika	0	Traverse City	Michigan
23	Ken Kolonich	18	Eaton Rapids	Michigan	78	Brenda Carlson	6	Grayling	Michigan
23	Steve Kolonich	12	Lansing	Michigan	78	Charles Lannen	1	South Boardman	Michigan
24	Jeff Tetrault	1	Grand Rapids	Michigan	79	LeRoy H LaVigne	0	East Tawas	Michigan
24	Wade Mackay	1	Belmont	Michigan	79	Jerry Killingbeck	2	East Tawas	Michigan
26	Mike Packard	4	Otsego	New York	80	Jeffrey Honaker	0	Camden	Ohio
26	Lori Roseboom	0	Mt. Vision	New York	80	Ron Murphy	0	Richmond	Indiana
29	Dan Czuk	0	Scotts	Michigan	82	Clark Kent	8	Lapeer	Michigan
29	Brandon Smith	0	Scotts	Michigan	82	Mike Bradford		Lapeer	Michigan
31	Richard LaJoie	0	Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac	Quebec	83	Jason Hall	3	Six Lakes	Michigan
31	Steve Lajoie	2	Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac	Quebec	83	Jody Runyon	2	Flanaga	Illinois
32	Dan Gary	5	Oscoda	Michigan	84	Jeff De Feo	2	Chester	Massachusetts
32	Kevin Curley	4	Oscoda	Michigan	84	Lori Martin	0	Fitzwilliam	New Hampshire
34	Blaise St. Pierre	9	Lac. St Charles	Quebec	86	John Sullivan	5	Roscommon	Michigan
34	Pierre LaPointe	1	Shawinigan-Sud	Quebec	86	Louis Berthiaume	2	Berthierville	Quebec
36	Michael Garon	6	Washington	Michigan	87	Jim Corlew	2	Grayling	Michigan
36	David Timmerman	3	Dubuque	Iowa	87	Steven Corlew	0	Grayling	Michigan
38	Steve Park	0	Ely	Minnesota	89	Stephane Aubry	6	Shawinigan	Quebec
38	Dan Litchfield	0	Ely	Minnesota	89	Sophie Moisan	0	Shawinigan	Quebec
39	Daniel Klinkhamer	2	Northville	Michigan	90	Dick Plumlee	2	Lawrence	Kansas
39	Bill DuBois	8	Jackson	Michigan	90	Randy Moore	0	Columbus	Nebraska
40	Fred Mills	4	Roscommon	Michigan	95	Peter Heed	7	Westmoreland	New Hampshire
40	Tom Mills	3	Okemos	Michigan	95	Nick Lyesiuk	0	Orange	Massachusetts
41	Tim Triebold	9	Concord	Michigan	96	Tricia Heed	0	Westmoreland	New Hampshire
41	Matthew Rimer	1	Horton	Michigan	96	Tom Warner	0	Westmoreland	New Hampshire
43	Mike Hartman	2	Roscommon	Michigan	97	John Hugus	1	Wausau	Wisconsin
43	Scott VanDeVen	0	Canton	Michigan	97	Allen Limberg	1	Wausau	Wisconsin
44	Ed Lazar	5	Grosse Pt. Wood	Michigan	107	Rusty Argue	1	Grayling	Michigan
44	Dwight Walker	4	Richland	Michigan	107	Bob Donaldson	3	Grayling	Michigan
45	Serge Rouleau	2	Grandes-piles	Quebec	110	Nicholas D'Amour	0	Grayling	Michigan
45	Rock Be'langer	0	Mont-Laurier	Quebec	110	Pete Mead	0	Grayling	Michigan
46	John Lucey	1	Grayling	Michigan	120	Robert Stockton II	0	Roscommon	Michigan
46	Steve Seager	1	Grayling	Michigan	120	Matt Smith	2	Roscommon	Michigan
47	Susan Boyd	0	Traverse City	Michigan	130	Alfred Borchert	0	Grayling	Michigan
47	Dena Smith	0	Suttons Bay	Michigan	130	Kevin Jansen	0	Grayling	Michigan
50	Walter Mecker	0	Traverse City	Michigan	177	Sean Casey	1	Grayling	Michigan
50	Peter Sneed	0	Traverse City	Michigan	177	Lee Barnett	0	Grayling	Michigan
51	Jason Snell	1	Roscommon	Michigan	190	Kimble Wright	0	Tecumseh	Michigan
51	Robert Smith	3	Roscommon	Michigan	190	Douglas Gillin	0	Adrian	Michigan
52	Ted Kolka	11	Grayling	Michigan					
52	Tim Valko	5	Pinckney	Michigan					
53	Kjell Peterson	0	Brooklyn Park	Minnesota					
53	Todd Ellison	0	St. Paul	Minnesota					
54	Lynne Witte	21	Mt. Clemens	Michigan					
54	Karen Levitt	0	Keene	New Hampshire					
55	Ted Smutek	2	Luzerne	Michigan					
55	Joseph Seifert	5	Grayling	Michigan					
57	Dragan Olajdzija	1	Toronto	Ontario					
57	Jon Webb	6	Hubbard Lake	Michigan					

Entry list as of July 19, 2000

Good Luck Racers!!

Spectators: Have fun but put safety first

Try not to be in too big of a hurry: good battles are fought at the front and back of the pack

Following the race? You have somewhere between 14 and 19 hours to enjoy the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. There is no need for you to rush, rush, rush.

Nearly all the race fans get caught up in the excitement of the battle for the lead. Will the records be broken? Can the reigning champions be beaten? Who will win the sprint of the lead teams from Foote Dam to Oscoda?

Don't get caught up with the vast crowds hurrying from spot to spot, walking great distances to reach the viewing locations down by the river. Instead, consider moving out front of the crowd, arriving well ahead of most folks and get a parking spot closer to the action. Then relax, settle in and stay to see all or most of the teams pass by before moving on down the river ahead of the crowd once again.

You have plenty of time to "hang out" at several locations along the course to see how the field is doing, from the first team to last and still be able to catch up to and check on the lead team later in the race.

Every year, some of the most inter-

esting AuSable Marathon stories unfold farther back in the pack. Close battles for position are fought by those teams as well. By staying at a few of the viewing locations for longer periods of time, you'll have the opportunity to see how well the teams that are farther back in the pack are doing.

Mio Dam is generally considered to be the "hump" of the Marathon. Most teams which make the portage over Mio in reasonable shape before the 4:00 a.m. cut-off also finish the race in qualifying time. Nearly every year, one or two teams narrowly avoid missing the cut-off, while for others who don't make it to the dam in seven hours, that marathon is over.

Endurance, rather than sheer speed, becomes more important for the contestants as Saturday night turns into Sunday morning.

There are often major changes in the standings late in the race as, for some teams, simply finishing the race becomes the primary objective.

Endurance and proper preparation are important for spectators as well. Don't forget the basic necessities: a thermos of coffee, snacks, flashlight (or two), binoculars, rainwear, and good maps. Don't forget the designated driver.

The Marathon takes many hours with little or no sleep and nearly 100 road miles. Please take your time while you have fun.



Oldest & youngest, 1999 AuSable Canoe Marathon

Al Widing, 74, finished his 29th AuSable River Canoe Marathon last year, and Matt Rimer, 15, finished his first.

Parking Alert

Vehicles parked at any U.S. Forest Service river access site **MUST HAVE A PARKING PASS**. The access sites along the race course include the 4001 Bridge Landing, Thompson's Landing, Sawmill Point and Whirlpool Boat Landing.

Passes are available for \$3 (daily), \$5 (weekly), or \$20 (annual) at the following locations:

Grayling - Ray's (7:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.); Larry & Joan's.

Luzerne - Luzerne Mini mart.
Mio - Gott's Landing (8 a.m. - 6 p.m.).
McKinley - McKinley Grocery
Glennie - Alcona Canoes, Glennie Party Store
Oscoda - The Dam Store.
Passes are also available at the **Mio Ranger Station**, the **Huron Shores Ranger Station** and **Lumberman's Monument** in Oscoda during normal hours of operation.

Marathon office open all night long for canoe race results

Stop by, call, or visit the office's internet site for race updates

The Marathon office in the Grayling Mini Mall will turn into the official communication headquarters for the race at the sound of the gun marking the LeMans start at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 29.

Updated race information from all 14 timing stations and the finish line will be available at the office all night and Sunday, July 30 until 4 p.m.

Thirty volunteers from the Hanson Hills Amateur Radio Association will be relaying official race news to the

office.

"We'll have the official times for all the teams racing, not just the leaders," said John Cherven, Marathon committee member. "We'll also have other race information such as teams who have to drop out."

Cherven said anyone who can't follow the entire race is welcome to drop into the office at any time during the event. Fans may also call the office at (517) 348-4425 for race updates or check out the marathon's website address at:

www.ausablecanoe marathon.org.

The race office will sell Marathon merchandise and race programs will be available as long as supplies last.

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Top 25 Career Rankings (1947-1999) Compiled by John B. Cook

The career Marathon Ranking System is a combined tally of the race results over the history of the race. It is a ranking of career performance for all the paddlers. Each paddler in the winning canoe receives 100 points, 2nd place 90 points and so on down to 10th place with 10 points awarded to each paddler. Points are scored only by finishing in the top 10.

The ranking system is not intended to determine how good one paddler is versus another. That would be a subjective and academic judgment based on personal opinion. The ranking system is an objective effort to acknowledge the career accomplishments of the most successful racers over the many years the marathon has been conducted.

TOP 25 OFFICIAL CAREER MARATHON RANKING

1. Serge Corbin	1560
2. Ralph W. Sawyer	1290
3. Rick Joy	1240
4. Brett Stockton	1230
5. John Baker	1220
6. Jeff Kolka	1220
7. Jerry Kellogg	1120
8. Jack Kolka	1030
9. Butch Stockton	1010
10. Irvin Peterson	890
11. Jim Harwood	870
12. Ken Kolomich	850
13. Tony Short	840
14. Bernard Fowler	810
15. Albert Widing Sr.	770
16. Steve Kolonich	740
17. Jack Kent	740
18. Jeff Kellogg	740
19. Randy Drake	740
20. Dave Shepherd	690
21. Bill Torongo	690
22. Al Rudquist	690
23. Solomon Carriere	640
24. Bob Welsch	630
25. Stan Hall	620

**Attend The Pancake Breakfast
At The Finish Line, Oscoda
Sunday, July 30, 2000
8 am Till Noon**



Paddler Profiles

Canoe # 0
Competitor John Nemeth
Age 58
City Grand Blanc
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 Gott's Landing and Canoes
Sponsor 2 Jans Sports of Goodrich
Marathons 5
Racing Achievements USCA Senior C-2 Champion in 1996 & 1999 with Bob Bradford.
Canoe # 0
Competitor Robert A. Bradford
Age 57
City Lapeer
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 Gott's Landing and Canoes
Sponsor 2 Jans Sports of Goodrich
Marathons 11
Racing Achievements 1st place as amateur in 86, currently hold record for senior pro for AuSable Marathon set in 1999 with Al Widing. 1996& 1999 USCA C-2 senior men's champion.

Canoe # 3
Competitor Mo Harwood
Age 21
City Grayling
Occupation Carpenter
Sponsor 1 Mike Podjaske
Sponsor 2 Sawmill Bar and Tavern
Marathons 4
Racing Achievements 9 National championships, 3 Marathons, 2 Amateur State champ.
Canoe # 3
Competitor Erich Podjaske
Age 18
City Grayling
Occupation Borchers Canoe Livery
Sponsor 1 Mike Podjaske
Sponsor 2 Sawmill Bar and Tavern
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements Amateur State Champion 1999 and the General Clinton

Canoe # 4
Competitor Bruce Barton
Age 43
City Homer
Occupation Farmer
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 7
Racing Achievements 1st in the General Clinton in 2000.
Canoe # 4
Competitor Solomon Carriere
Age 43
City Cumberland House
Occupation Hunter, Trader
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 10
Racing Achievements 1st in all major canoe races.

Canoe # 7
Competitor Connie Swander
Age 53
City Grayling
Occupation Forensic Scientist
Sponsor 1 MI St police
Sponsor 2 East Branch Embroidery
Marathons 4
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 7
Competitor Chad Swander
Age 32
City Grayling
Occupation
Sponsor 1 East Branch Embroidery
Sponsor 2
Marathons
Racing Achievements

Canoe # 8
Competitor Joe Foley
Age 41
City Edmore
Occupation Assembler for Engidairo
Sponsor 1 Rays Canoe Livery & Fly Factory
Sponsor 2
Marathons 6

Racing Achievements 4 year MCRA member, raced General Clinton in 1996.
Canoe # 9
Competitor Al Widing Sr.
Age 75
City Mio
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 Ray's Canoe Livery & Fly Factory
Sponsor 2
Marathons 30
Racing Achievements 1st place Texas Water Safari 540 mile in 1964 & 65; 11th in Mile Marathon career point standings; 2nd in Marathon 5 times, 57 & 58 2nd in Columbia 140 mile race, 5x's 1st in Rifle River 75 mile race
Canoe # 11
Competitor Rick Joy
Age 41
City Silverwood
Occupation GM auto assembler
Sponsor 1 C and L Sports
Sponsor 2 Thumb National Bank and Trust
Marathons 24
Racing Achievements Best Marathon time was 14:10:25
Canoe # 11
Competitor Dave Jensen
Age 36
City San Jose
Occupation Engineer
Sponsor 1 C and L Sports
Sponsor 2 Thumb National Bank and Trust
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements 1st mixed team at the 1999 General Clinton.

Canoe # 14
Competitor Bill Torongo
Age 38
City Roscommon
Occupation Process Technician
Sponsor 1 Weyerhaeuser
Sponsor 2
Marathons 17
Racing Achievements 1st at 1997 US Nationals
Canoe # 14
Competitor Denis Berthiaume
Age
City
Occupation
Sponsor 1 Weyerhaeuser
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements

Canoe # 16
Competitor Jeff Kolka
Age 41
City Grayling
Occupation Custodian Crawford AuSable Schools
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 17
Racing Achievements Finished 2nd 4 times and paddled second fastest Marathon w/ Serge Corbin in 1996. Paddled 7 Marathons under 15 hours. 1st place in '96, '97, '98 and '99
Canoe # 16
Competitor Serge Corbin
Age 43
City St. Boniface
Occupation Canoe builder
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 15
Racing Achievements All Time record holder with Solomon Carriere: 1994 13:58:08 12 times Marathon winner 22x's winner at General Clinton; 21x's at La Classique. 7 X's Triple Crown Champion
Canoe # 17
Competitor Dick Rayman
Age 51
City Ely
Occupation Carpenter
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements Raced the Clinton once

Canoe # 17
Competitor Dan Crusier
Age 48
City Crosby
Occupation High school counselor
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements Shawinigan did it once
Canoe # 18
Competitor Al Duckworth
Age 45
Occupation Co-owner of Duckworth Bros.
Sponsor 1 Duckworth Bros. Concrete
Sponsor 2 Professional & Personal Wellness
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements Completed the triple crown in '97
Canoe # 18
Competitor Doug Grosso
Age 44
City Bellevue
Occupation Corporate Consultant
Sponsor 1 Duckworth Bros. Concrete
Sponsor 2 Professional & Personal Wellness
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements 2 Ironman races, 7- day Adventure race, 15 Marathons

Canoe # 21
Competitor Dale Bissonnette
Age 28
City Hale
Occupation Salesman
Sponsor 1 Klug's Auto Repair
Sponsor 2
Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Studded side-car motorcyc- cle racing
Canoe # 21
Competitor Mike Mc Kulsy
Age 30
City Hale
Occupation Postal clerk
Sponsor 1 Klug's Auto Repair
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 22
Competitor Fritz Hansen
Age 59
City Union Grove
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 CenturyTel
Sponsor 2
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements Past USCA JR/SR Champ, 3rd and 4th in the Minnesota Border to Border
Canoe # 22
Competitor Kai Hansen
Age 38
City Belleville
Occupation Environmental Engineer
Sponsor 1 CenturyTel
Sponsor 2
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements Past USCA JR/SR Men's Champion 3rd and 4th Minnesota border to border

Canoe # 23
Competitor Steve Kolonich
Age 28
City Lansing
Occupation Auto body repair
Sponsor 1 Craig Auto Body in Holt
Sponsor 2
Marathons 12
Racing Achievements 5th in 1988, 6th in 1989 6th in 1990 4th in 1991 National Champion at USCH Nationals, 1st in Spikes Challenge, won 4 races. 1997 placed 3rd, 1993 placed 7th and 1992 placed 4th in the Marathon.
Canoe # 23
Competitor Ken Kolonich
Age 54
City Eaton Rapids
Occupation GM factory worker
Sponsor 1 Craig Auto Body in Holt
Sponsor 2
Marathons 18

Canoe # 24
Competitor Wade Mackay
Age 41
City Belmont
Occupation Self Employed
Sponsor 1 Skamt Shop of Grand Rapids MI
Sponsor 2
Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Boston and Chicago marathons
Canoe # 24
Competitor Jeff Tetrault
Age 40
City Grand Rapids
Occupation Owner Logan Dist.
Sponsor 1 Skamt Shop of Grand Rapids MI
Sponsor 2
Marathons 1
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 26
Competitor Lori Roseboom
Age 34
City Mt. Vision
Occupation Physical therapist
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1st Mixed pro 2000 General Clinton Regatta 7x's General Clinton finisher, 1st mixed pro Run of Charles of Boston, MA
Canoe # 26
Competitor Mike Packard
Age 36
City Otsego
Occupation Technology instructor
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 4
Racing Achievements 9th and 11th in 1998 and 2000 General Clinton and 70 mile finisher.

Canoe # 29
Competitor Brandon Smith
Age 21
City Scotts
Occupation Student
Sponsor 1 Carlisle Canoes
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 29
Competitor Dan Czuk
Age 46
City Scotts
Occupation Sales
Sponsor 1 Carlisle Canoes
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 31
Competitor Steve Lajoie
Age 24
City Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac
Occupation Electronic technician
Sponsor 1 Lucky & Laura's Liquor & Lotto
Sponsor 2
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements Cooperstown 3 times (15.2.3) and Classique 10 times (Best was 5th)
Canoe # 31
Competitor Richard LaJoie
Age 53
City Vaudreuil-Sur-Le-Lac
Occupation Certified aircraft technician
Sponsor 1 Lucky & Laura's Liquor & Lotto
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 15 times Classique De La Maurice and 3 times in Cooperstown, year 2000.

Canoe # 32
Competitor Kevin Currey
Age 42
City Oscoda

Racing Achievements Raced in Hawaii outrigger canoe races 91-92. Paddled with father in 4 Marathons. 1st Marathon '63 placed 4th. 1st place 1992 Spikes Challenge Race with son Steve.

Canoe # 24
Competitor Wade Mackay
Age 41
City Belmont
Occupation Self Employed
Sponsor 1 Skamt Shop of Grand Rapids MI
Sponsor 2
Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Boston and Chicago marathons
Canoe # 24
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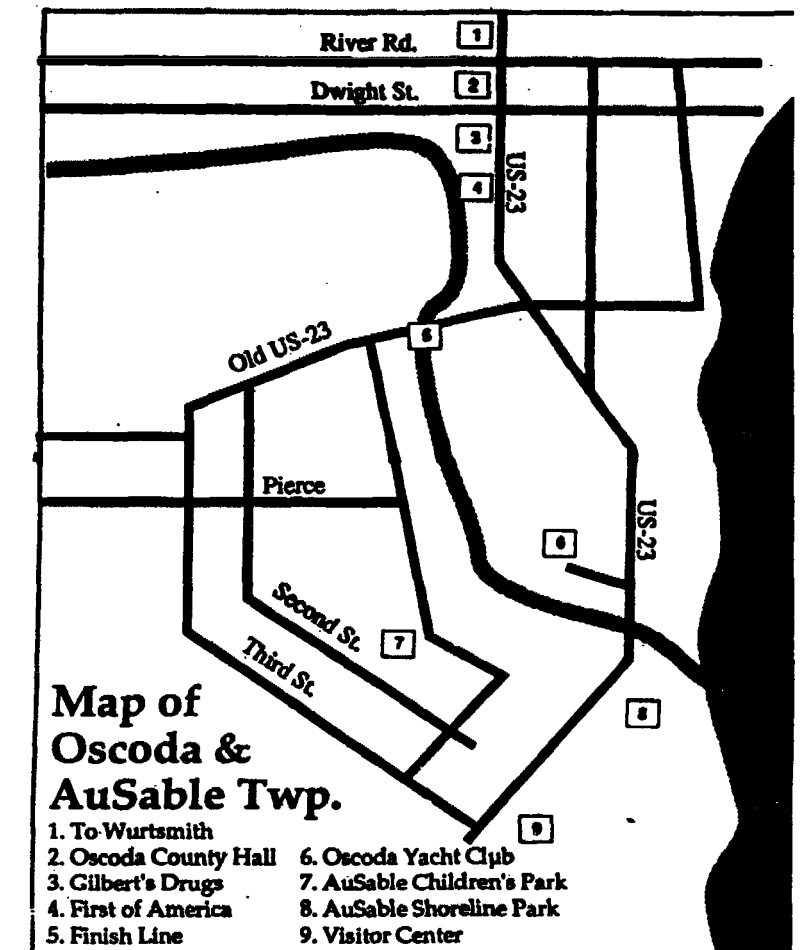
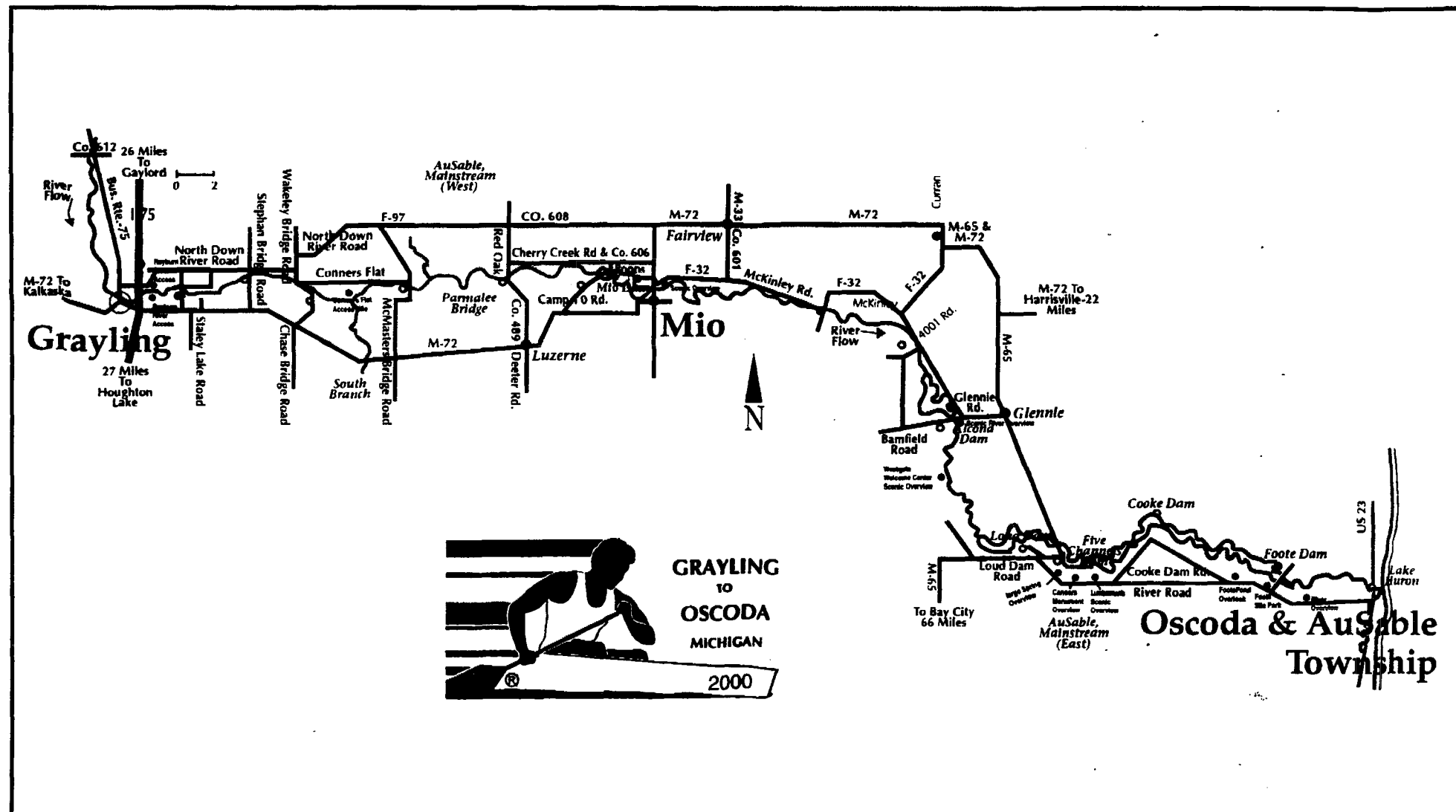
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Racing Achievements N/A
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Competitor Kevin Currey
Age 42
City Oscoda

Paddler Profiles

Occupation Sponsor 1	Roofing Contractor Gary Oil & Propane Co. Inc.	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons	2	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation	45 Serge Rouleau 54 Grandes-piles Homesteader	# Marathons Racing Achievements Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation	1 Robert Smith 51 26 Roscommon Service manager at the Bicycle Shop
Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements Widing, did Marathons Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1	Curley Enterprises Inc. 4 Raced in New York with Al with Carrie Trudgeon. 32 Dan Gary 42 Oscoda Business Owner Gary Oil & Propane Co. Inc.	Racing Achievements Always eats all his food.	40	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	46 Fred Mills 46 Roscommon Builder Holiday Inn of Grayling Rent-A-Camp of Higgins Lake	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements Classique, New York and other regional races. Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation	Bicycle Shop & X-C Ski Shop Saf-T-Tec 3 2 Marathon finishes, x-c ski marathons, and bicycle races. Pathfinder Challenge
Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	Curley Enterprises Inc. 5 MCRA races, Triple Crown	Racing Achievements 1995 St. Amateur Champs. 1995 amateur Marathon 1st, Triple Crown paddler	40	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	40 Tom Mills 44 Okemos UPS Truck Driver Holiday Inn of Grayling Rent-A-Camp of Higgins Lake	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	52 Tim Valko 31 Pinckney Project planning and research Parke-Davis
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements Cooperstown 3 times	34 Pierre LaPointe 58 Shawinigan-Sud Retired	Racing Achievements 1995 Amateur St. Champ. 1995 amateur marathon 1st place.	41	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	41 Matthew Rimer 16 Horton Student	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements in 1998.	5 Top 15 Amat. 3 times. Top 15 General Clinton times and 1st place @ Vassar 1998 (C-1 and C-2)
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements and Cooperstown 26 times	34 Blaise St. Pierre 60 Lac. St Charles Retired	Racing Achievements Numerous National 1st place finished and 17th in the General Clinton 2000.	47	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	47 Steve Seager 42 Grayling Wilderness Instructor Grayling Knights of Columbus	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	11 N/A
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	36 David Timmerman 42 Dubuque Sales Future Care St. Joseph Mercy of Macomb	Racing Achievements 1st Shawinigan, 1st Boston 2000, 2nd New York 2000	43	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	43 Scott VanDeVen 31 Canton NROTC instructor, USMC Hartman Appraisal Service Hyper Active Designs	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	0 I have kept solo and tan- dem boats upright during races so far this year. (Note early Feb postmark on entry)
# Marathons Racing Achievements Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	3 General Clinton, 4 times 36 Michael Garon 42 Washington Engineering manager Future Care St. Joseph Mercy of Macomb	Racing Achievements First year as an MCRA member.	43	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	43 Mike Hartman 24 Roscommon ski instructor/ self employed Hartman Appraisal Service Hyper Active Designs	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	0 18th General Clinton 2000 and I encourage pretty girls to join our sport.
# Marathons Racing Achievements Macomb County Canoe Race	6 1992-1995 1st place Macomb County Canoe Race	Racing Achievements 3 years racing with the MCRA	44	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	44 Ed Lazar 43 Grosse Pt. Woods State Farm Insurance Agent	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	54 Karen Levitt 32 Keene High School History Teacher
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements Minnesota and Canada.	38 Dan Litchfield 52 Ely Wildlife technician	Racing Achievements 3 years racing with the MCRA	44	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	44 Ed Lazar 43 Grosse Pt. Woods State Farm Insurance Agent	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	0 1st women's amateur General Clinton 1998, 1st place women's New England Championships 1999. 2nd women's USCA Nationals 1999.
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements Manitoba races.	38 Steve Park 47 Ely Physician	Racing Achievements 3 years racing with the MCRA	44	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	44 Ed Lazar 43 Grosse Pt. Woods State Farm Insurance Agent	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	54 Lynne Witte 46 Mt. Clemens Elementary teacher McDonald's of Grayling Penrods Canoe Livery
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements race with my son.	39 Bill DuBois 42 Jackson Truck mechanic	Racing Achievements 3 years racing with the MCRA	44	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	44 Ed Lazar 43 Grosse Pt. Woods State Farm Insurance Agent	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	21 USCA Nationals & Mixed AuSable Record 15:04 and Triple Crown past years
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	39 Daniel Klinkhamer 49 Northville Engineer	Racing Achievements General Clinton 6 times, Several Indiana State Championships in C-1 and C-2 masters USCA Nationals.	46	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	46 Dwight Walker 46 Richland Copy machine technician	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	55 Ted Smutek 32 Luzerne Owner, Big Creek Bump and Paint
Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	39 Daniel Klinkhamer 49 Northville Engineer	Racing Achievements General Clinton 6 times, Several Indiana State Championships in C-1 and C-2 masters USCA Nationals.	46	Canoe # Competitor Age City Occupation Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2	46 Dwight Walker 46 Richland Copy machine technician	Sponsor 1 Sponsor 2 # Marathons Racing Achievements	2 New York General Clinton 2000
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AuSable River Festival Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 22nd

Paddlers Tribute C-1 Race
6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Spike's Keg O'Nails
and Grayling Restaurant

Sprints for C-2 Race
in City Park

Sunday, July 23rd

(TBA)
Paddlers Tribute C-2 Race
8:30 a.m. @ Ray's Canoe Livery

Tuesday, July 25th

Sponsored by Spike's Keg O'Nails
and Grayling Restaurant
Ice Cream Social and Dance
6:00 p.m. at 308 Lawndale

Wednesday, July 26th

Sponsored by Commission on Aging
Encore Winds on the Banks
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Rays Canoe Livery
Sponsored by Chemical, Citizens & Empire Banks with the
Crawford AuSable Community Ed

Thursday, July 27th

Coffee Break
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
at 305 Michigan Ave.
Sponsored by Citizens Bank

Festival Book Sale
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Crawford County Library
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Business Relay Races
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Sponsored by Camp Grayling
Conservation Club

Marathon Sprints for Starting Position
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery

Youth Fishing Contest
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at City Park
Sponsored by Camp Grayling
Conservation Club

Friday, July 28th

Youth Races
10:00 a.m. at Borecher's Canoe Livery
10 - 14 Yrs. & 15 - 17 Yrs.

**24th Annual AuSable River
Fine Arts & Crafts Show**
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at City park
Sponsored by Grayling Chamber of Commerce

River Festival Book Sale
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Crawford County Library
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Quilt Show
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Ice House
Sponsored by Ice House Quilt Sitters Group

Marathon Sprints for Starting Position
2:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery

Special Olympics Challenge
4:30 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery

Marathon Paddler's Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Grayling Holiday Inn

Saturday, July 29th

**21st Annual GRA AuSable
River 10K Run
1 Mile Fun Run & Walk**
8:30 a.m.
AuSable River 10K Run
9:00 a.m.

Registration at the Middle School
Sponsored by: Hart Pontiac, GMC, Buick Doctors Dean &
Aubry
Milltown Title & Escrow Co.

Classic Car Show
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by
Grayling Uptown District Association

Quilt Show
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Ice House
Sponsored by Ice House Quilt Sitters

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Sponsored by Grayling Chamber of Commerce

Skateboard Competition
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Boards & Beyond on Michigan Ave.

Dunk Tank
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity

AuSable River Festival Parade
3:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by
Grayling Promotional Association

**Special Marathon Mass For Paddlers,
Feeders & Spectators**
4:30 pm @ St. Mary's Church, all are invited

**Michelson Memorial
United Methodist Church
Ice Cream Social**
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Craft Show
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
400 E. Michigan Avenue

Marathon Pre-Race Briefing
12:00 noon at Citizens Bank
305 E. Michigan Ave.

5th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
I-75 Business Loop North
Sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club

**Annual Grayling Eagles Club
Ox & Pork Roast**
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
@ Eagles Club on M-72 East

Live Music
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue

53rd AuSable River Canoe Marathon
start 9:00 pm @ Ray's Canoe Livery

Street Dance
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Michigan Ave.
Sponsored by Crown Jewelers
Stevens Family Circle

ALL REMAINING EVENTS

HELD AT

RAY'S CANOE LIVERY

5 pm - Challenge Race
6 pm - Pre-Marathon Program
7 pm - Introduction of Paddlers
7:25 pm - Posting of Colors National Guard
8:15 pm - Challenge Race Award Ceremony
8:45 pm - Marathon Raffle Drawing
9 pm - start of the 53rd Weyerhaeuser AuSable
Canoe Marathon

2000 Viewing and Parking Alert

**Crawford County - Stephan, Wakeley
and McMasters bridges** - will be closed to
all vehicle traffic during the race. Feeder teams must be
sure that they are on the side of the river where their feeds
are because they will not be able to cross.

Oscoda County - Parmalee Bridge -
will be closed to spectators. If you are viewing the race
from this location there are good sites along the camp-
ground on the north side or the public access site on the
south.

There is a new walkway from the MDOT parking area,
south of M-72, under the bridge to Mio Dam. You will not
have to walk across the highway to get to the dam.

Feeders should stay out of the water at the lower part of
the dam until their team is on the spillway. There will be
communication as to when the teams arrive.

**Mio Dam -DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ON MIO
DAM, THE DAM WILL BE CLOSED TO SPECTA-
TORS FOR THE MARATHON CANOE RACE ON
SATURDAY PM - SUNDAY AM, JULY 29 AND 30,
2000**

4001 Bridge - U.S. Forest Service may be issuing
tickets for parking in the lot at the boat launch site without
a valid parking pass.

Alcona Dam - Only feeders and officials will be
allowed into the dam parking lot. Spectators should park in
the field on the north side of the river and walk across the
bridge to the portage.

Loud Dam - There will only be parking for spectators
on one side of the road leading into the dam. This will
make it safer for people who are walking to view the
portage. Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the
dam parking lot.

Whirlpool near Oscoda - Everyone must park
in the parking lot and not at the boat launch area. U. S.
Forest Service will be issuing tickets at this area.



Paddler Profiles

Competitor Joseph Seifert
Age 48
City Grayling
Occupation Electrician
Sponsor 1 Georgia Pacific
Sponsor 2 K & K Masonry
Marathons 5
Racing Achievements Completed the Triple Crown 5 times. 9th place Triple Crown Master Record 1999.

Canoe # 57
Competitor Jon Webb
Age 40
City Hubbard Lake
Occupation Special education teacher
Sponsor 1 Chippewa Point Grocery
Sponsor 2 Maximum Performance Chiropractic - Ossineke

Marathons 6
Racing Achievements Completed the Triple Crown in 1995. General Clinton 4 times. 6 times USCA Nationals

Canoe # 57
Competitor Dragan Olajdzija
Age 40
City Toronto
Occupation Electrician
Sponsor 1 Chippewa Point Grocery
Sponsor 2 Maximum Performance Chiropractic - Ossineke

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements General Clinton 3 times USCA Nationals 5 times and other races in Canada and USA.

Canoe # 58
Competitor Allan DuBois
Age 66
City Cottage Grove
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 Lone Pine Restaurant
Sponsor 2

Marathons 6
Racing Achievements 13th at Shawinigan
Canoe # 58
Competitor Charles W. Ryan II
Age 43
City Champlin
Occupation Police Officer
Sponsor 1 Lone Pine Restaurant
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 59
Competitor Colin Hunter
Age 19
City Grayling
Occupation Road Commission
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 4
Racing Achievements Finished New York 3x's. Shawinigan once. Amateur State Champion.
Canoe # 59
Competitor Brad Wilson
Age 18
City Grayling
Occupation Bartender
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements Finished New York 2 times and junior State Champion.

Canoe # 60
Competitor Mark Bialek
Age 29
City Kalamazoo
Occupation Freelance Photographer
Sponsor 1 Oscoda Press
Sponsor 2

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1999 Pro rookie of the year.

Canoe # 60
Competitor WM Fick
Age 45
City Blissfield
Occupation Field Service Tech
Sponsor 1 Oscoda Press
Sponsor 2

Marathons 7
Racing Achievements 1993 Pro rookie of the year, 1994 most improved paddler.

Canoe # 61
Competitor Charles Hewitt
Age 41
City Bay City
Occupation Attorney
Sponsor 1 Hooters of Bay City
Sponsor 2 Lumber Yard of Indian River

Marathons 4
Racing Achievements 19th place in 1998 marathon: first time completed the marathon.

Canoe # 61
Competitor Bernie Tuszyński
Age 42
City Gaylord
Occupation Logging contractor
Sponsor 1 Hooters of Bay City
Sponsor 2 Lumber Yard of Indian River

Marathons 4
Racing Achievements 13th- Indian River 1998

Canoe # 62
Competitor Tom Trudgeon
Age 41
City Grayling
Occupation
Sponsor 1 Sylvester's of Grayling
Sponsor 2 Jackson Iron and Metal

Marathons
Racing Achievements
Canoe # 62
Competitor Mark Rimer
Age 45
City Horton
Occupation Crane operator
Sponsor 1 Sylvester's of Grayling
Sponsor 2 Jackson Iron & Metal
Marathons 6
Racing Achievements General Clinton 3 times and Shawinigan

Canoe # 65
Competitor Frank Smutek
Age 66
City Luzerne
Occupation Retired
Sponsor 1 American Collision of Mio
Sponsor 2 Post 162 American Legion Luzerne

Marathons 8
Racing Achievements Finished 8th in the 1952 and 1958 Marathons and 22nd in the 1998 with my son Ted.

Canoe # 65
Competitor Amy Solak
Age 35
City Traverse City
Occupation Secretary for MI Dept. of Corrections
Sponsor 1 American Collision of Mio
Sponsor 2 Post 162 American Legion Luzerne

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements I have raced two seasons with the MCRA.

Canoe # 66
Competitor Al Shaver
Age 33
City Meridale
Occupation Utility Lineman
Sponsor 1 B C Pizza of Indian River
Sponsor 2 Onaway Motor Speedway

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements 7th in the General Clinton

Canoe # 66
Competitor Steve Watson
Age 28
City Onaway
Occupation High school history teacher
Sponsor 1 B C Pizza of Indian River
Sponsor 2 Onaway Motor Speedway

Marathons 3
Racing Achievements 6th place at Vassar in 1999.

Canoe # 70
Competitor Andy Hague
Age 22
City Bowling Green
Occupation College student
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 70
Competitor P. C Randolph
Age 25
City Lindsey
Occupation Strength & conditioning coach
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 72
Competitor Lisa Salvini
Age 36
City Montgomery
Occupation Technical Help desk manager
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements 1st 1999 Clinton Women's Div., 1st 1999 Classique de Canots Womens Div And 1st 1993,1994 General Clinton mixed division

Canoe # 72
Competitor Abby Kingman
Age 38
City Goshen
Occupation MA environmental analyst
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements 1st 1999 Clinton Women's Div. 1st 1999 Classique de Canots Women's Div.

Canoe # 73
Competitor Greg Nelson
Age 43
City Marquette
Occupation Chiropractor
Sponsor 1 Black Bart Canoe Paddle Co.
Sponsor 2 Downwind Sports of Marquette, MI

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements x-c ski racing, running marathons and bike racing

Canoe # 73
Competitor Mark Churchill
Age 38
City Gwinn
Occupation Teacher at Negaunee Public Schools
Sponsor 1 Black Bart Canoe Paddle Co.
Sponsor 2 Downwind Sports of Marquette, MI

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Dog mushing, triathlons and running races

Canoe # 76
Competitor Dwayne Barnes
Age 38
City Copemish
Occupation Truck driver
Sponsor 1 Northern Green Lawn of Traverse City

Marathons 2
Racing Achievements Some top 10 finishes and expert rookie of the year 1998.

Canoe # 76
Competitor Brian Krantz
Age 48
City Traverse City
Occupation President of Lawncare Co.
Sponsor 1 Northern Green Lawn of Traverse City

Marathons 20
Racing Achievements 3rd 2x's in General Clinton, 6 & 7th in Classique. I also won many races 1976-1982.

Canoe # 77
Competitor Rick Sika
Age 37
City Traverse City
Occupation Assistant Manager of Body Shop
Sponsor 1 Grand Traverse Auto
Sponsor 2 Eastern Mountain Sports

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 77
Competitor Rick Sika
Age 37
City Traverse City
Occupation Assistant Manager of Body Shop
Sponsor 1 Grand Traverse Auto
Sponsor 2 Eastern Mountain Sports

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Competitor Ray Wonders
Age 39
City Anchorage
Occupation Procurement specialist
Sponsor 1 Grand Traverse Auto
Sponsor 2 Eastern Mountain Sports
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 78
Competitor Charles Lannen
Age 50
City South Boardman
Occupation Production planner for Alcotecwire

Sponsor 1 Jim's Well Drilling
Sponsor 2 Alcotec Wire

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 78
Competitor Brenda Carlson
Age 39
City Grayling
Occupation Well driller
Sponsor 1 Jim's Well Drilling
Sponsor 2 Alcotec Wire
Marathons 6
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 79
Competitor Jerry Killingbeck
Age 31
City East Tawas
Occupation Machinist
Sponsor 1 Tawas Moose Lodge 2400
Sponsor 2 Johnson's Auto Supply
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements General Clinton 2x's finished 10th Amateur two years in a row.

Canoe # 79
Competitor LeRoy H LaVigne
Age 48
City East Tawas
Occupation Electrical Inspector
Sponsor 1 Tawas Moose Lodge 2400
Sponsor 2 Johnson's Auto Supply
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements Raced in MCRA races.

Canoe # 80
Competitor Ron Murphy
Age 35
City Richmond
Occupation
Sponsor 1 Wernle, Inc. of Richmond Indiana

Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements

Canoe # 80
Competitor Jeffrey Honaker
Age 35
City Camden
Occupation Operations officer for behavioral treatment center
Sponsor 1 Wernle Inc. of Richmond Indiana

Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 82
Competitor Mike Bradford
Age 35
City Lapeer
Occupation Builder
Sponsor 1 Grondins Hair Centers
Sponsor 2

Marathons
Racing Achievements

Canoe # 82
Competitor Clark Kent
Age 40
City Lapeer
Occupation C.P.A.
Sponsor 1 Grondin's Hair Centers
Sponsor 2

Marathons 8
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 83
Competitor Jason Hall
Age 22
City Six Lakes
Occupation Modular Maker

Paddler Profiles

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 3
Racing Achievements 1st 1996 Junior Nationals, 15th 1996 Marathon and 21st 1998 Marathon.
Canoe # 83
Competitor Jody Runyon
Age 41
City Flanagan
Occupation Food supervisor
Sponsor 1 Buccilli's Pizza
Sponsor 2
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements General Clinton C-1 and C-2 races.

Canoe # 84
Competitor Jeff De Feo
Age 45
City Chester
Occupation Home builder
Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements Last 7 Clinton Regattas and completed the triple crown in 1999
Canoe # 84
Competitor Lori Martin
Age 44
City Fitzwilliam
Occupation Elementary teacher 1st grade

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements I have completed NECRA's point series in the top 10, 3rd women's 1999,

Canoe # 86
Competitor Louis Berthiaume
Age 41
City Berthiville
Occupation janitor, Shawinigan college

Sponsor 1 Gannon Broadcasting Y100 and WGRY 103
Sponsor 2 WQON 100.1
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 86
Competitor John Sullivan
Age 30
City Roscommon
Occupation Business Owner
Sponsor 1 Gannon Broadcasting Y100 and WGRY 103
Sponsor 2 WQON 100.1
Marathons 5
Racing Achievements

Canoe # 87
Competitor Steven Corlew
Age 19
City Grayling
Occupation Toilet Technician for the DNR

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements Amateur State Champion and National Champion in several races.

Canoe # 87
Competitor Jim Corlew
Age 47
City Grayling
Occupation Truck Driver

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements Marathon 9th, 10th places. Pro Division and Amateur State Champion with son.

Canoe # 89
Competitor Sophie Moisan
Age 25
City Shawinigan
Occupation Student at university
Sponsor 1 Borchers Bed and Breakfast

Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1st time at the LaClassique.
Canoe # 89
Competitor Stephane Aubry
Age 28

City Shawinigan
Occupation Sale Representative
Sponsor 1 Borchers Bed and Breakfast

Sponsor 2
Marathons 6
Racing Achievements 13th at the LaClassique

Canoe # 90
Competitor Randy Moore
Age 43
City Columbus
Occupation Insulation and roofing contractor

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 15th in Nationals Masters in 1999 and raced the General Clinton in 2000.

Canoe # 90
Competitor Dick Plumlee
Age 47
City Lawrence
Occupation Carpenter

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements Have done the General Clinton several times, several top 10 finishes at the USCA Nationals.

Canoe # 95
Competitor Nick Lyesluk
Age 57
City Orange
Occupation Floorcovering
Sponsor 1 Water Wizard
Sponsor 2 Gold's Gym
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 16 times Clinton Regatta and Canadian National Champ

Canoe # 95
Competitor Peter Heed
Age 50
City Westmoreland
Occupation Criminal Defense Attorney
Sponsor 1 Water Wizard
Sponsor 2 Gold's Gym
Marathons 7
Racing Achievements 7 national Marathon and whitewater championships, 1998 World Masters Games C-2 Champion.

Canoe # 96
Competitor Tricia Heed
Age 48
City Westmoreland
Occupation Elementary Teacher
Sponsor 1 Borchers
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 2x's whitewater national champion, 1x's marathon national champion and 1st place General Clinton mixed.

Canoe # 96
Competitor Tom Warner
Age 52
City Westmoreland
Occupation Network engineer
Sponsor 1 Borchers
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1st General Clinton Masters and 1st New England Masters

Canoe # 96
Competitor John Hugus
Age 44
City Wausau
Occupation Spinal surgeon
Sponsor 1 Crozier Racing Canoes
Sponsor 2 Wausau Spine and Neuroscience

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements USCA Nationals 1999 C-2 3rd USCA Nationals 1999 C-1 7th

Canoe # 97
Competitor Allen Limberg
Age 42
City Wausau
Occupation Surgical tech and Carpenter
Sponsor 1 Crozier Racing Canoes
Sponsor 2 Wausau Spine and Neuroscience

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Top finished in ski races.

Sponsor 1
Sponsor 2
Marathons 1
Racing Achievements

triathlons and canoe races

Canoe # 107
Competitor Rusty Argue
Age 30
City Grayling
Occupation Heavy equipment operator
Sponsor 1 Cellular One
Sponsor 2

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements Completed various MCRA races.

Canoe # 107
Competitor Bob Donaldson
Age 39
City Grayling
Occupation I and E Technician
Sponsor 1 Cellular One
Sponsor 2

Marathons 3
Racing Achievements 3rd in State Amateur Championships. MCRA circuit for the last 3 years.

Canoe # 110
Competitor Nicholas D'Amour
Age 16
City Grayling
Occupation Warehouse Employee
Sponsor 1 Hal's Masonry of Grayling
Sponsor 2 Terry's Sports Center
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements MCRA races in 2000.

Canoe # 110
Competitor Pete Mead
Age 19
City Grayling
Occupation Builder
Sponsor 1 Hal's Masonry of Grayling
Sponsor 2 Terry's Sport Center
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1999-2000 MCRA races

Canoe # 120
Competitor Robert Stockton II
Age 16
City Roscommon
Occupation Student
Sponsor 1 Decorating Today
Sponsor 2 Phoenix Park Party Store
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1997 Fledgling State Champion

Canoe # 120
Competitor Matt Smith
Age 23
City Roscommon
Occupation Landscaper
Sponsor 1 Decorating Today
Sponsor 2 Phoenix Park Party Store
Marathons 2
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 130
Competitor Kevin Jansen
Age 18
City Grayling
Occupation MSU Student
Sponsor 1 Jansen Insurance Agency
Sponsor 2 Lincoln Brick and Supply

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 130
Competitor Alfred Borchers
Age 16
City Grayling
Occupation Sandwich artist
Sponsor 1 Jansen Insurance Agency
Sponsor 2 Lincoln Brick and Supply of Grand Rapids

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements 1999 MCRA rookie amateur of the year.

Canoe # 177
Competitor Sean Casey
Age 21
City Grayling
Occupation MSU Student
Sponsor 1 Borchers Canoe Livery
Sponsor 2

Marathons 1
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 177
Competitor Lee Barnett
Age 19
City Grayling
Occupation Carpenter
Sponsor 1 Borchers
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

Canoe # 190
Competitor Kimble Wright
Age
City Tecumseh
Occupation
Sponsor 1 Bailey's Watercare
Sponsor 2

Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A
Canoe # 190
Competitor Douglas Gillin
Age 41
City Adrian
Occupation Carpenter
Sponsor 1 Bailey's Watercare
Sponsor 2
Marathons 0
Racing Achievements N/A

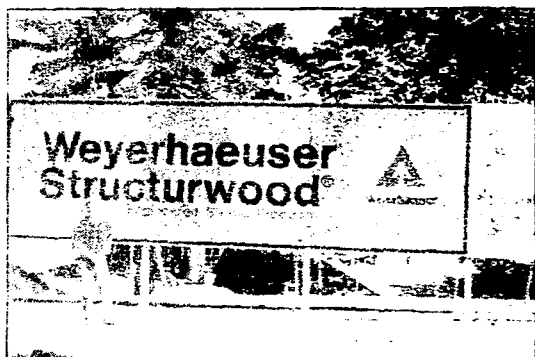
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of July 19, 2000**

**Entry Cut-off is
Monday, July 24,
2000 @ noon**



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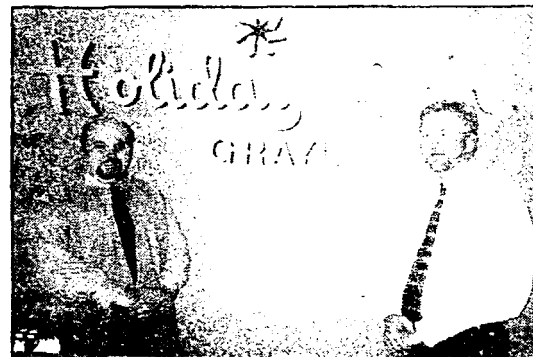
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Holiday Inn – Toby Shambarger and Dean Smith, General Mgr. eagerly await the fun of Marathon Week.



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Transnation Title Insurance Co. – Laurie Figley. They are sponsors because it is good exposure for them. It brings people into the community and community involvement.



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Grayling Visitors Council – Ilene Geiss-Wilson. This is a long term commitment to support the community by way of the Grayling Visitors Council.



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Timco – Timco Aviation of Oscoda is a new sponsor for Marathon 2000.



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Chemical Bank – Joe Swain, Mgr., on the left and crew are eager for the excitement of the Marathon. They plan to enter a team in the Business Relays.



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Carlisle Paddles

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Fick & Sons – C.F. Fick & Sons, Petroleum Marketers are repeat sponsors of the Marathon. Left to right are Ray Richie, Ed Nolph, Scott Gabriel, John Payne, Mgr. and Mike Creps.



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Charlie's Country Corner & Super 8 Motel – are also repeat sponsors of the race. Left to right are Jay Holingsworth, Janice Vercurysse, Darla Bradley & Charlie Fick, owner.



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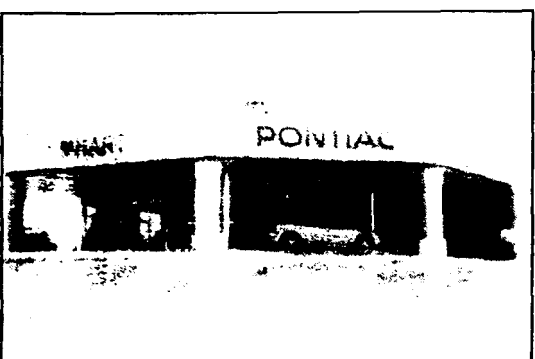
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Hometown Furniture – Scott and Debbie Page - We wanted to support our local community and activities.



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Old Kent Bank – is another repeat sponsor of the Marathon. Peggy Hughey and Donna Masker, Mgr., look forward to another exciting race night.

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Grayling Ford – Lee Babbitt and Chris Dillaway - We are looking forward to the 53rd Marathon.



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Empire Bank – recently merged with Huntington Bank, continues their support of the Canoe Race. Pictured are Char Fry, Mgr., Valarie Mertes, Therese Kaiser, and Sue Saxton.



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AuSable Inn and Finishline Bar – Michael Poland, Mary Kay Gwizdala and Burt Poland - We love the tradition of the Marathon. We have been a part of the Marathon even before we bought the AuSable Inn.

AuSable Inn &
Finishline Sports Bar

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Check out our website:

www.ausablecanoemarathon.org

AuSable Canoe Marathon

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Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's AuSable River Festival, featuring a host of events throughout Marathon week. The River Festival recognizes the unique importance of the AuSable River to these northern Michigan communities. A number of events are also planned in Oscoda, including a pancake breakfast prior to the finish of the top teams late Sunday morning, July 30. For more information on AuSable Marathon-week activities in Grayling & Oscoda, or for information about tourism and recreational opportunities in the AuSable River Valley area, contact:

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(517) 348-2921 (800) 937-8837
www.grayling-mi.com
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www.oscoda.com

Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitive action kicks off with the AuSable

Marathon Sprints for Position at Penrod's Resort [Maple Street Bridge in Grayling] on Thursday, July 27, from 5:00 to 8:30 P.M. and Friday, July 28, from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. The Sprints are much like "Indy 500" qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course and their lap time determines their starting row position for the LeMans style run to the river on Saturday evening.

The official canoe measuring at Citizens Bank in Grayling at noon on Saturday, July 29, is followed by Grayling's impressive AuSable River Festival Parade at 3 p.m. Racing action continues with the AuSable Challenge Events, staged in Grayling on Saturday afternoon, July 29, which offer both novices and more serious competitors the opportunity to challenge the AuSable in shorter races.

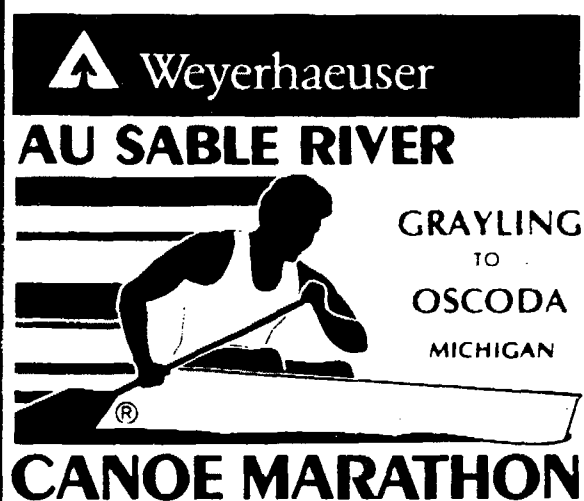
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ON MIO DAM, THE DAM WILL BE CLOSED TO SPECTATORS FOR THE MARATHON CANOE RACE ON SATURDAY PM - SUNDAY AM, JULY 29 AND 30, 2000

Volunteers needed for 54th AuSable Canoe Marathon

Support for the Marathon comes in many ways.

Sponsors, program book advertisers, merchandise sales, public relations, safety officials, timers, banner hangers and the Pledge Relay, just to name a few. Over the years, this

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Want to get involved in the 54th? Leave us a message at the Race Office at (517) 348-4425.

Point-to-Point Records

Burton's Landing	41.28	1993	J. Kolka & B. Torongo
Stephan Bridge	31.28	1993	J. Kolka & B. Torongo
Wakeley Bridge	28.21	1993	T. Short & S. McKenzie
Parmalee Bridge	1:01.43	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Camp Ten Bridge	1:02.55	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Mio Dam	22.05	1975	J. Kellogg & J. Kellogg
McKinley Bridge	1:43.42	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
4001 Bridge	49.11	1984	Bu. Stockton & S. Carriere
Alcona Dam	35.37	1984	Bu. Stockton & S. Carriere
Loud Dam	1:43.10	1987	S. Corbin & Br. Stockton
Five Channels Dam	23.37	1994	S. Corbin & S. Carriere
	23.37	1995	P. Lynch & J. Harwood
Cooke Dam	57.17	1986	R. Drake & E. McNett
Foote Dam	1:08.11	1987	S. Corbin & Br. Stockton
Oscoda (finish)	1:15.32	1991	S. Corbin & Br. Stockton
McMasters Bridge	55.4	1999	J. Kolka & S. Corbin

Split Time Records

Burton's Landing	41.28	1993	J. Kolka & B. Torongo
Stephan Bridge	1:12.56	1993	J. Kolka & B. Torongo
Wakeley Bridge	1:41.29	1993	J. Kolka & B. Torongo
McMasters Bridge	2:38.17	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Parmalee Bridge	3:40.00	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Camp Ten Bridge	4:42.55	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Mio Dam	5:06.31	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
McKinley Bridge	6:50.13	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
4001 Bridge	7:40.49	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Alcona Dam	8:17.21	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Loud Dam	10:06.47	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Five Channels Dam	10:30.37	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Cooke Dam	11:31.07	1996	J. Kolka & S. Corbin
Foote Dam	12:41.02	1994	S. Corbin & S. Carriere
Oscoda (finish)	13:58.08	1994	S. Corbin & S. Carriere

AuSable Challenge Race will be held in Grayling on July 29th and in Oscoda on July 30th

The Challenge events have grown to be a significant part of the Marathon and festival weekend activities. The Challenge Events Races have four classes: C-1, C-2, Standard and Novice. Entry Fee is \$15 for C-1 Class and \$10 per canoe for all other classes.

C-1 Class: Grayling

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time, 45 minutes. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery at 6:00 pm

C-1 Class: Oscoda

Looped course. Approximate winning time, one hour, starting at the AuSable Township boat ramp and Dockside Party Store at 12:30 pm

C-2 Amateur Class: Grayling

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time, 45 minutes. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery at 5:30 pm

C-2 Amateur Class: Oscoda

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time, 30 minutes. Starting at AuSable Inn at 12:45 pm

Standard Class & Novice Class: Grayling

From Grayling to Burton's Landing, approximate eight miles. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery at 5 pm

Standard Class & Novice Class: Oscoda

From the "Whirlpool" to AuSable Township boat ramp & Dockside Party Store. Starting at the Whirlpool access at 1 pm

Pre-Register for Challenge Events by mail: Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Office, P.O. Box 911, Grayling, MI 49738 or at the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon office in the Grayling Mini-Mall, Monday through Friday July 17 - 29th. Registrations will be taken at race sites in Grayling & Oscoda up to 1 hour before start.

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